



# 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. It will be available online 2 weeks after Roundtable (so come to RT and get it!) Call me or email me if you need additional copies or if you spot an error. **Welcome!**

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## New! Merit Badges: Requirement Changes and Booklet Price Change

Five Merit Badge booklets in the new series that came out in July have requirement changes - **Swimming, Drafting, Emergency Preparedness, Farm Mechanics, and Auto Mechanics** (which has been renamed **Automotive Maintenance**) with effective dates of 8/1/2008. In addition, the **Architecture and Landscape Architecture**

booklets have been combined into one booklet, but without any known changes to the badge requirements. New Merit Badge booklets are now in color and cost \$4.49 per booklet., however other

than the booklets mentioned above, the OLD booklets are still good, and BSA is selling them at \$2.49 each, while they last.

To get updated Merit Badge Requirements and changes visit [www.scouting.org](http://www.scouting.org)



## Scouting can help save children from Nature Deficit Disorder!

*One impulse from a vernal wood  
May teach you more of man,  
Of moral evil and of good,  
Than all the sages can.*

~ William Wordsworth

*"I like to play inside - that is where the electrical outlets are."*

~4<sup>th</sup> grader

### Next Month at September Roundtable: Unplug your kids!

The main topic for September Roundtable will reflect the disturbing news reported in the book "The Last Child in the Woods" by Richard Louv. This generation may be the first that is totally disconnected from nature on a national scale. Learn how to reconnect and use the many resources and programs being fostered by the "No Child Left Inside" movement.



**Also at the September RT will be Games for your Pack and troop, Make-It gadgets and neckerchief slides, Outings reports, recipes and more. Come and Bring a Friend!**

*All Scouting is local...take some boys camping, toss them a handbook, step away, and see what happens.*

## Resources to help Unplug your child:

Get great ideas for meetings and outings!  
Last Child in the Woods Nature Resources Guide  
[www.childrenandnature.org](http://www.childrenandnature.org)  
[www.scnaturekids.com](http://www.scnaturekids.com)  
[www.greenhour.org](http://www.greenhour.org)  
Take a Child Outside Week Sept. 24-30,  
2008 [www.takeachildoutside.org](http://www.takeachildoutside.org)

## New Tour Permit Online



**The new Tour Permit**  
BSA has issued a new version of the Tour Permit. It is editable and you can save your edited version on your computer for ease of filing and for revision for future

events. *There are some changes and additions in the requirements.*  
Form #34426 Revised December 2007: 2008 Printing  
[www.etowahcreek.com/forms/34426-TourPermit-Editable-Rev2007-2008Printing.pdf](http://www.etowahcreek.com/forms/34426-TourPermit-Editable-Rev2007-2008Printing.pdf)

**"Planning and Preparing for Hazardous Weather"** The new course to go with the new Tour Permit Requirements is now online at the Online Learning Center [olc.scouting.org](http://olc.scouting.org) Remember! Don't wait until the last minute! Tour Permits must be submitted 2 weeks in advance. If plans change, updates can be made.

**Important Note:** if you file the Tour Permit late, it may not be returned to you in time for your trip. If you are camping without a signed and filed Tour Permit you and your Chartered Organization may be liable for any injury, damage, or lawsuits resulting from your unit event. Please follow all guidelines and procedures to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for your Cubs, Scouts, and Venturers. See Council "Smoke Signals" for details.



## New Uniforms are in the Scout Shop! Go and check them out!

## Cuboree October 4

9:30 am to 3 pm.  
Fun and Games! Join all of the fun at the annual 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. You must pre-register, please no drop-ins. More information will be coming out this month. Cost TBA per Scout.  
**Boy Scouts are needed to help run the events.**  
Contact Rhonda Lucas if you have questions or want to help: 808-7577  
[rllucas500@windstream.net](mailto:rllucas500@windstream.net)

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

(JOTA/JOTI)  
**October 18-19 2008**  
Celebrate with the other Scouts across the globe in the 101st year of Scouting and 51<sup>st</sup> year of JOTA!  
More info coming in September Roundtable or contact Lorie  
[McGraw\\_lmcgraw@sc.rr.com](mailto:McGraw_lmcgraw@sc.rr.com)



## Tip: Youth Protection Training

If you've completed on-line YPT in the past and need to renew the training, you should click on "Retake Course" rather than "Review Course" as doing the Review **will not** generate a new YPT certificate. You must click on **Retake**.  
The on-line Youth Protection Training is accessible on from the BSA's "My Scouting" web portal: [www.scouting.org](http://www.scouting.org)

## Welcome to Some New Faces



We have many new faces in our leadership corps as new Den Leaders, Scoutmasters, and committee folks join us. Welcome to you all and come to Roundtable to meet and greet new and old friends.

## 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 the District Commissioner Milton Quattlebaum [districtcommissioner@etowahcreek.com](mailto:districtcommissioner@etowahcreek.com)



# GeekCreek:

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

## GeekCreek Cool Tool of the Month:

### Free topo maps

<http://www.kk.org/cooltools/archives/002970.php>

*Safety in your Hometown and near your meeting sites:*

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

### Free on the web -

*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. No iPod or MP3 player needed to hear Cubcast! Just click on the link and start listening, or sign up to receive the RSS feed and be automatically notified of each new posting for downloading.

**August 08: New Buddies, New Boy Events -**

The August Cubcast features ideas for activities related to September's New Buddies theme, and we'll also take an in-depth look at New Boy Events, which will come in handy during the upcoming fall recruiting season.

[www.scouting.org/cubscouts/podcast/index.html](http://www.scouting.org/cubscouts/podcast/index.html)

### Other Cub-related Podcasts:

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

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

### More Pod casts:

Early Rank Requirement Videos for Tenderfoot-First Class

<http://scouting.org/applications/rankvideo.aspx>

### Outside Magazine videos and podcasts

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

## Great Resources Blog

Rikki's Resources

[rikkiresources.wordpress.com](http://rikkiresources.wordpress.com)



## Pyromomma's Biscuits for Hungry Scouts

(So easy to make that a new Scout can make them)

1/2 cup butter, softened

3 ounces cream cheese softened

1 cup flour.

Preheat oven to 350 (or start coals for Dutch Oven) Mix butter and cheese until blended (you can use a Ziploc bag with the 'squish' method). Add the flour and "work" the mixture until a ball of dough forms. Lightly flour a smooth surface and roll the dough. Cut with a small biscuit cutter or roll in a ball and drop on the sheet or in the oven. Bake in 350 for 10-12 minutes or until biscuits are lightly browned. Makes 12 biscuits.

### Roundtable Variations from Pyromomma: Roll in

cinnamon and sugar. Or how about adding grated cheddar cheese? Use dough to act as a cover for sausage or pizza filling (like a calzone) and bake in Dutch oven until center is all melty. Use Adluh Sweet Potato Biscuit Mix for Sweet Potato Biscuits to go with sausage links. Instead of rolling, they can be cooked as drop biscuits.



## Save the Date!

# Etowah Creek District 2008 Camporee

**November 21-23, 2008**

For all Boy Scouts and Venturers

Webelos II may attend with a troop

Harbison State Forest, Broad River Rd.

Camporee is a week-end long Scouting experience for

Boy Scouts and

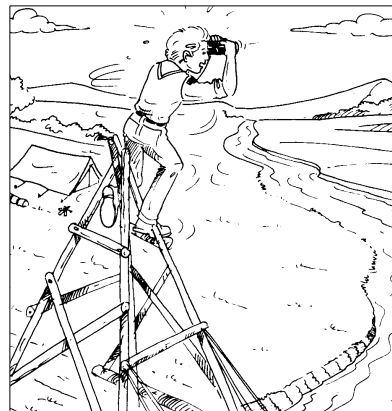
Venturers

For your initial

planning:

\* Watch for the opening of registration and register early; There is limited space at the Camporee

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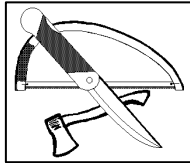


[www.etowahcreek.com/ecd-camporee.htm](http://www.etowahcreek.com/ecd-camporee.htm)

Would you like to help? Email Camporee Director Don Stowe: [Camporee@EtowahCreek.com](mailto:Camporee@EtowahCreek.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  
[newsletter@etowahcreek.com](mailto:newsletter@etowahcreek.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**

**National Hunting  
and Fishing Day**

An Adventure In the Outdoors!

**Saturday, October 4, 2008**

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](http://www.scwf.org) or call SCDNR (803) 734- 3886  
or SCWF (803) 256-0670.

*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

**\$17 BALOO Training** includes Breakfast, lunch and snack,  
and a handout book of resources

**Den Chief Training** possible – To Be Announced

**Deadline for signing up is Monday Sept 15!**

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

Words of Advice:

The most destructive force in the universe is gossip

**Non-registered Boy means  
No Advancement  
and Un-Insured**

Do you have Webelos that just crossed over to your troop? Is there a new Cub in your pack that will be going on the outing next week?

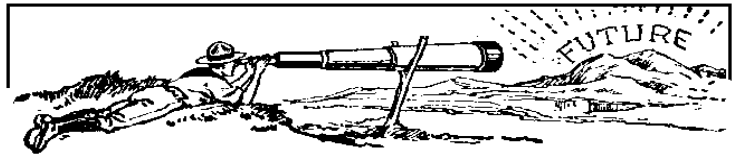
Many Scoutmasters and Cubmasters wait until they re-charter to register the new Scouts. This is dangerous for you and the boy.

If you have not registered them at the Scout office, either as a transfer from a pack or as a new Scout joining your troop or pack, **the boy is not covered by BSA insurance** if they go to meetings or camping. **You May Be Personally Liable!!**

**Also boys who are not registered will be ineligible for rank advancement.**

**Do not wait.**

Please check with Felicia at the Scout office to make sure that all gaps in registration are filled in.



**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)*

**Dates to Remember!**

**August**

- ✦ 14 Program Preview and Kickoff – Ashland UMC 7 PM
- ✦ 15-17 Venturing We Weekend- Barstow
- ✦ 21 Council Popcorn GALA 6: 30 Westminster Pres
- ✦ 28 CPR – Patty Labbe -785-8148

**September**

- ✦ 4 Show & Deliver Popcorn orders due
- ✦ 5-7 Women's Outdoor Retreat – scwf.org
- ✦ 6 Leader Basic Training NLE/CLS/YPT 8am – 4:30 pm Faith Pres
- ✦ 6 Volunteer Appreciation Day Barstow- RSVP IWC
- ✦ 11 **Roundtable** 7 pm Ashland UMC
- ✦ 19 Popcorn Show And Deliver pick up
- ✦ 20 BALOO training 9:30 to 4 – prereg. By 9/15
- ✦ 26-28 Webelos Woods Weekend Barstow

**October**

- ✦ 4 Cuboree Cornerstone Pres.
- ✦ 4 National Fishing and Hunting Day –W. Cola SCNWF.org
- ✦ 9 Roundtable 7PM Ashland
- ✦ 10-11, 11-12 Cub and Parent Overnighter
- ✦ 14 NLE and Youth Protection 6:45 Faith Pres
- ✦ 21 Cub Leader Specific Training 6:45 Faith Pres
- ✦ 18 JOTA/JOTI various locations and packs troops
- ✦ 23 CPR – Patty Labbe -785-8148
- ✦ 24-26 Haunted Forest Weekend

**November**

- ✦ 13- Roundtable - Ashland UMC – 7PM
- ✦ 15 Cub Leader basic Training 8-4:30 Faith Pres
- ✦ 21-23 Etowah Camporee – Harbison State Forest

**December**

- ✦ 11 Roundtable Ashland UMC 7PM
- ✦ 11 Scouting For Food Landrush- Ashland UMC TBA
- ✦ 18- CPR – Patty Labbe -785-8148
- ✦ 27-30 Klondike Camping – Barstow

**Mark Your 2009 Calendars:**

March 20-22 **Woodbadge** Training weekend 1

April 17-19 **Woodbadge** Training weekend 2

Call Bruce Cannon 787-5763 or email [bcannon3@sc.rr.com](mailto:bcannon3@sc.rr.com)

**Etowah Creek District Trainings:**

Call Joan Janoch 345-5700 for more info

**Free CPR Course**

**Lexington County Residents: Free CPR Courses August 28, Oct 23, and Dec 18.** Free Red Cross Adult and Infant CPR courses. Limited to residents of Lexington County. To sign up for the class please call Major Patty Labbe, 785-8148 or or email [plabbe@lex-co.com](mailto:plabbe@lex-co.com)

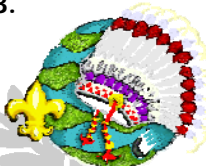


**Eagle Application News:**

**Changes for 2008**

**The new printing of the Eagle Scout Rank Application, No. 58-728, has a notable change.** Now, under Requirement 5, the name of the candidate's Eagle project is required, as well as the grand total of hours devoted to it (from page 10 of the Eagle Scout Leadership Project Workbook). **The new application**

**will be required beginning May 1, 2008.**



**Calling All Unit Commissioners**

What does a Commissioner do?

Commissioners are district and council leaders who help Scout units succeed. They coach and consult with adult leaders of Cub Scout packs, Boy Scout troops, and Venturing crews.

**Unit Commissioners** are appointed by the district commissioner with the approval of the council executive board.

Unit commissioners should

- Have excellent people skills
- Have a Scouting background or be fast-track learners
- Know and practice Scouting ideals

**If you wish to be considered** for a position as a Unit Commissioner, or want more information about it, please email our District Commissioner, **Milton Quattlebaum** [mpqandrhq@bellsouth.net](mailto:mpqandrhq@bellsouth.net) or call **Emmitt Sherron (803)405-0885** [sherrone@bellsouth.net](mailto:sherrone@bellsouth.net) to see about availability and training. [scouting.org/commissioners](http://scouting.org/commissioners)

## Scout Green

### Ants ruining the campsite?

- Keep your place spic-and-span and the ants will have fewer reasons to invade.
- Put table legs inside shallow cans filled with water (tuna cans work great).
- No food in tents!

Organix South Neem Oil for the Garden, an old-school pest remedy from India that'll drive 'em away, is a little smelly, so reserve it for use outside the house (available at Lowes)

### Avoid chemicals

Fill a spray bottle with white vinegar or soapy water, and fire at will. Or, bay leaves, cayenne pepper, chalk, cinnamon, and/or mint placed at the ants' entry point will turn 'em right back around.



"Oh Tippy, Tippy, Tippy, Tippy! If only you didn't cook with water from the toilet."

TIM HAGGERT

### Sixteenth Edition of the WOMEN'S OUTDOOR RECREATION RETREAT

September 5-7, 2008  
Camp Bob Cooper near  
Summerton, SC

The Women's Outdoor Recreation Retreat is a multi-faceted opportunity to challenge the "woman within you." **Nature hikes, kayaking, birding, canoeing, fishing,** and many more outdoor adventures can be enjoyed in the company of like-minded ladies in a non-competitive environment. Lake Marion and the surrounding resources of the Santee Cooper Area provide the backdrop for this event. **AGE GUIDELINES:** Open to females age 16 and older. Starts at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, and concludes at noon on Sunday the 7<sup>th</sup>. Cost: \$75. [www.scwf.org](http://www.scwf.org)



# Reminder : Next Roundtable is Sept 11

A Scout Is Helpful and Loyal  
**Scouts and Scouters:  
Help is Needed in Support of  
Our Injured Troops**

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

**Operation: Quiet Comfort** is gearing up for its Holiday and Christmas Shipment 2008.

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](mailto: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.

### TLT Available

#### Attention Scoutmasters and Senior Patrol Leaders

A power point presentation of "Troop Leadership Training" (TLT) is now available on the National BSA training website:

[www.olc.scouting.org/resources/index.html](http://www.olc.scouting.org/resources/index.html)

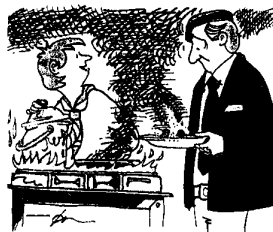
[www.olc.scouting.org/resources/TLT.ppt](http://www.olc.scouting.org/resources/TLT.ppt)

This training replaces the old Junior Leadership Training (JLT) Troop-level leadership training for your Leadership Corps.



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### MORE WORDS OF ADVICE:



- Never lick a steak knife.
- There is a very fine line between 'hobby' and 'mental illness.'
- Never be afraid to try something new.
- You should not confuse your career with your life.
- Nobody cares if you can't dance well. Just get up and dance.
- Get outdoors and take a kid with you!