

UP ETOWAH CREEK...



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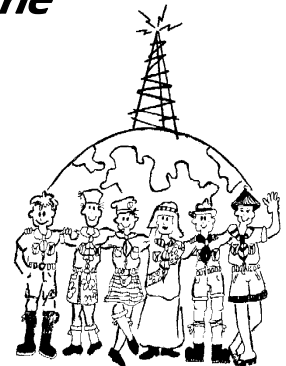
Welcome to Etowah Creek District [ECD] Leader Roundtable in Columbia, South Carolina. This showcase for Leaders is held on the 2nd Thursday of every month, starting at 7:00 p.m. We meet at Ashland Methodist Church on Ashland Rd. (off of St. Andrew's Rd.). Take a minute to read this newsletter, as that 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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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 51st year of JOTA!



Start earning the International Scouting Activity Award!

Join in with your own unit or come to Seven Oaks Presbyterian on Sat. Oct. 18 and let the Columbia Amateur Radio Club get you connected! Many other activities at the same time. Or visit <http://scouting.org/international/> for information. All ages welcome.

Come and talk on radios with Scouts from all over the world!

Register online at www.troop91bsa.org/jota2008.htm starting Sat. Sept. 13, or contact Lorie McGraw lmcgraw@sc.rr.com

Welcome to Roundtable!

Next Month at October Roundtable:

*Gearing up your Unit on a Shoestring Budget – A Scout is Thrifty!
Plus Geocaching Tips!*

Also at the October Roundtable 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.



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. Register Online – www.etowahcreek.com/cuboree.htm



Boy Scouts are needed to help run the events.

Contact Rhonda Lucas if you have questions or want to help: 808-7577 rrlucas500@windstream.net

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

"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

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.



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.

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."

~4th grader

Resources to help Unplug your child:

Last Child in the Woods
Nature Resources Guide
www.childrenandnature.org
www.scnaturekids.com
www.greenhour.org



Take a Child Outside Week Sept. 24-30, 2008
www.takeachildoutside.org

Congaree National Park National Public Lands Day

National Public Lands day is the nation's largest hands-on volunteer effort to improve and enhance the public lands Americans enjoy. If you are interested in volunteering to assist with litter pick up and non-native plant removal from 9:30 a.m- 4:00 p.m. on September 27th, please sign up by calling (803)-776-4396 ext.0.



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

Reminder

Have you registered for an event or training online?

Until you pay your fees online or in the Scout Shop you are not listed as registered. Credit card information can be taken over the phone or faxed and you don't even have to drive to the Scout Shop. Don't forget! Whether it is a Program or Training, your name will not be added onto the registration forms until payment is made.



GeekCreek:

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

Gear Junkie Deal of the Day

Super good deals on Outdoor equipment. Changes almost minute by minute
www.thegearjunkie.com

GeekCreek Cool Toolz of the Month:

Photo editing made fun

Picnik makes your photos fabulous with easy to use yet powerful editing tools. Tweak to your heart's content, then get creative with oodles of effects, fonts, shapes, and frames. It's fast, easy, and fun. And FREE.
www.picnik.com

GeekSpeak Translated!

The Internet Jargon Site
www.faqs.org/docs/jargon



Other Cub-related Podcasts:
www.cubmasterchris.com/
akelasadventure.com/

Scout Pod casts:

Early Rank Requirement Videos for Tenderfoot-First Class

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



Religious Awards

www.praypub.org

There is information on the different religious awards available through P.R.A.Y., a copy of a promotional video for Boy Scouts, information on different organizations that use the P.R.A.Y. material,

puzzle patch information, helps for putting on a Ten Commandments Hike,

and a series of stories about different youth who've earned their awards.

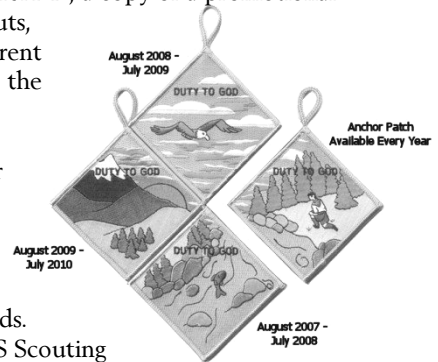
There is a link out to the US Scouting

Service Project webpages, where you can

find information on most of the other religious awards available to different faith groups:

www.usscouts.org/advance/boyscout/religious.asp

The P.R.A.Y. materials are for either boys or girls.



National Venturing Youth Cabinet

www.nationalventuringyouthcabinet.org



Venturing Southern Region is on Facebook. Go to Facebook.com and search for Souther Region Venturing These groups were designed by Venturers and Advisors to get information about Venturing out on a site that many of

today's teenagers and college age youth are using. Please, think about the Venturing Oath, Sea Scout Promise, and Scout Law before you post anything.

Safety in your Hometown and near your meeting sites: www.Criminalsearches.com

Everything that you need to know about Boy Scouts Resources and the Outdoor Program

www.scouting.org/BoyScouts/Resources



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.

www.scouting.org/CubScouts/Cubcast

September 08: Adventures in Books, Peer to Peer Cub Scout Recruiting -

Get a jump on October's Cub Scout theme of **Adventures in Books** by listening to this podcast, chockfull of tips for activities and actions to make the theme come alive for your boys! And we'll take an in depth look at peer-to-peer recruiting, one of the most effective ways to bring new youth into the Scouting movement.



Pyromomma' Easy Scout Recipe EASY SAUSAGE CHOWDER

INGREDIENTS: *Makes 2 LARGE servings

- 1 lb smoked turkey sausage
- 2 15 oz. cans of creamed corn
- ½ of a 14 oz. can of spinach, drained

DIRECTIONS:

In a large saucepan or cooking pot, add just enough water to cover the bottom. Cut sausage into the pan, making bite-sized pieces. Sauté until heated through. Add corn and spinach. Stir and heat through. Salt to taste and serve hot.

Save the Date! Etowah Creek District 2008 Back to Brownsea Island 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

*Registration is Now Open Online! There is
limited space at the Camporee

* www.etowahcreek.com/ecc-d-camporee.htm
Would you like to help? Email Camporee Director
Don Stowe: Camporee@EtowahCreek.com

IMPORTANT!

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

Check it out!

All information is on the

www.etowahcreek.com

website or at the Council Office.

For training information

call Joan Janoch at 345-5700

YOUR SON DESERVES A TRAINED LEADER

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

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 or call SCDNR (803) 734- 3886
or SCWF (803) 256-0670.

WHAT'S A BALOO?

Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation

September 20, 2008

BALOO training is **REQUIRED** for all Pack
camping activities 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

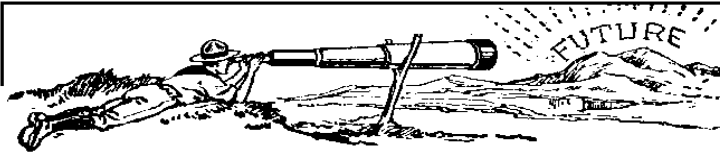
September 20, 2008

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

Register **NOW** or call Joan Janoch by Monday
Evening at 345-5700. All fees must be paid to be
registered.

In order to influence a child, one must be careful
not to be that child's parent or grandparent.

~ Don Marquis - author



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!

September

- ✦ 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
- ✦ 11 Scoutmaster/ASM Basic Leader Training –USC pt1
- ✦ 10-11, 11-12 Cub and Parent Overnighter
- ✦ 14 NLE and Youth Protection 6:45 Faith Pres
- ✦ 18 JOTA/JOTI see www.etowahcreek.com
- ✦ 21 Cub Leader Specific Training 6:45 Faith Pres
- ✦ 23 CPR – Patty Labbe -785-8148 plabbe@lex-co.com
- ✦ 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

- ✦ 5-7 IOLS – Scoutmaster/ASM Basic Leader Training Part 2
- ✦ 11 Roundtable Ashland UMC 7PM
- ✦ 11 Scouting For Food Landrush- Ashland UMC TBA
- ✦ 18- CPR – Patty Labbe -785-8148 plabbe@lex-co.com
- ✦ 27-30 Klondike Camping – Barstow

January

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

Free CPR Course

Lexington County Residents: Free CPR Courses 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 email plabbe@lex-co.com

Scout Green

Recycle those Scouting Magazines! And get the word out about the Scouting program, too! Drop off your old Scouting magazines at hospitals, doctor's offices, dentist's offices and more. Put a sticker on it with your pack or troop email or the Council phone number to people to contact if they are interested.

**REMINDER:
NEXT ROUNDTABLE IS
OCTOBER 9**

**Attention Scoutmasters:
Basic training for
your troop
leaders is
offered
now.**



Register online

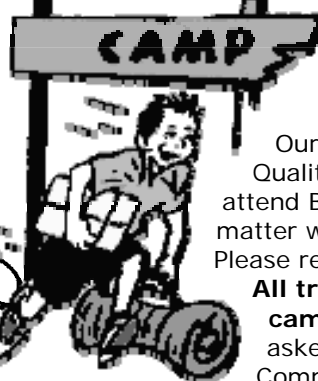
www.indianwaters.org

**This training will not be offered
again this year.**

Your son deserves a trained leader!

**Oct 11 Scoutmaster/ASM Basic Leader
Training –USC (classroom)**

**Dec 5-7 Introduction to Outdoor Leader
Skills (IOLS) Camp Barstow overnight**



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



Reminder:

The Scout Shop will be open on Saturdays 9 am - 1 pm September and October only

**Procrastination is the art of keeping up with
yesterday.**

~ Don Marquis - author

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 or call **Emmitt Sherron (803)405-0885** sherrone@bellsouth.net to see about availability and training. scouting.org/commissioners

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

www.olc.scouting.org/resources/TLT.ppt

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



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

**A Scout Is Helpful and Loyal
Scouts and Scouters:
Help is Needed in Support of
Our Injured Troops
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> or through the website link above and she will be happy to provide you with the details of how to get involved.

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.



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.



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.

