



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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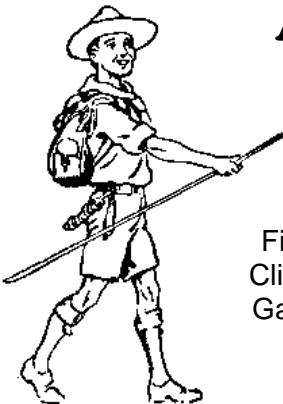


Scouting For Food Landrush at December Roundtable

– Be There!

Scouting For Food Dates for 2009
 Bags set out Jan 31
 Bag Pick Up Feb 7
 Jerry Hilbish, District Coordinator 750-0626

Next Month at the December 11, 2009 All Scout Leaders Roundtable:



Amazing Games! Teambuilding games, Games for Dens, Packs, Crews, Patrols, and Troops

First Aid Games, Canoeing and Climbing Games, Advancement Games, Dangerous Games, and more.

Plus the **Scouting For Food Landrush! Claim Your Territory!**

Also at the December Roundtable will be Recipes, Make-It Gadgets and Neckerchief Slides, Outings reports, Songs and Skits and more.

All Units Come Together for this event!
Come and Bring a Friend!

"I learn more about a person in a day of play, than in a year of conversation" – Plato

To see what Games, recipes, ceremonies, and outings will be shared next month at Roundtable, go to

www.mysignup.com/etowahroundtable

Thought for the day

"Before you criticize someone, you should walk a mile in their shoes. That way when you criticize them, you are a mile away from them and you have their shoes."

~ Jack Handy

Welcome

to our new Council Scout Executive!

Doug Stone will be settling in as our new Scout Executive. Please take a moment when you are at the Scout Office to say Hello! More on Doug online at www.etowahcreek.com

Etowah Creek District 2008 Camporee

Back to Brownsea Island November 21-23, 2008 Sign Up Today!

For all Boy Scouts and Venturers (Webelos II may attend with a troop)

Camporee is a week-end long Scouting experience for Boy Scouts and Venturers

*Registration is Now Open Online! Sign Up Today!!

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



GEEKCREEK

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

Stargazing from your laptop

Video on these free software products are at this link
<http://tinyurl.com/EtowahStargazing>



Stellarium

www.stellarium.org/
Stellarium is a free open source planetarium for your computer. It shows a realistic sky in 3D, just like what you see with the naked eye, binoculars or a telescope. It is being used in planetarium

projectors. Just set your coordinates and go.

Celestia

www.shatters.net/celestia

The free space simulation that lets you explore our universe in three dimensions.

Unlike most planetarium software, Celestia doesn't confine you to the surface of the Earth. You can travel throughout the solar system, to any of over 100,000 stars, or even beyond the galaxy.

All movement in Celestia is seamless; the exponential zoom feature lets you explore space across a huge range of scales, from galaxy clusters down to spacecraft only a few meters across. A 'point-and-goto' interface makes it simple to navigate through the universe to the object you want to visit.

GeekCreek Cool Website of the Month blog.makezine.com

Void your warranty, violate a user agreement, fry a circuit, blow a fuse, poke an eye out... Welcome to the Make Blog.... An Amazing website from MAKE magazine. For example - Make your own Compressed air rocket (Blow your friends away as you send this 25-cent rocket hundreds of feet in the air. You can build this easy launcher and rocket with common hardware store items in an afternoon.) Also the Gore Cannon (for blowing fake blood to make you an instant Zombie), the homemade underwater web cam, iPod speakers in an Altoids tin, and much much much more! See also the MAKE Crafts blog for those that like crafts like wearable LED art and more blog.craftzine.com.



Headwhack of the Month: If you hate phone text messaging...

If you hate to use cell phones to text message, but your Scouts live on text messaging, there is an alternative available.

By using the e-mail to SMS (Short Message Service - text messaging) gateways available from most cellular phone carriers, you can use your e-mail program to send a cell phone a text message. So you can send a short (150 characters) email to the editor (me) at 8032233893@message.alltel.com and it will go to my cellphone as a text message. For instance, a Verizon customer can be sent a text message via e-mail by sending the message to phonenumber@vtext.com (remember to keep it short - 160 characters max for Verizon). A complete list of carrier-provided gateways is available here. <http://tinyurl.com/SMS-Text-gateways> Many of the carriers also have web-based systems that allow you to send a text message through, such as Verizon, AT&T, Alltel, and Sprint

GeekCreek : Cool Toolz of the Month: GeekSpeak Translated!

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

GeekSpeak of the Month

flog : A fake blog (web log) that appears to originate from a credible, non-biased source, but is created by a company or organization for the purpose of marketing a product, service, or political viewpoint.

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!
Check each month for new podcasts for Cub Leaders
www.scouting.org/CubScouts/Cubcast

Other Cub-related Podcasts:

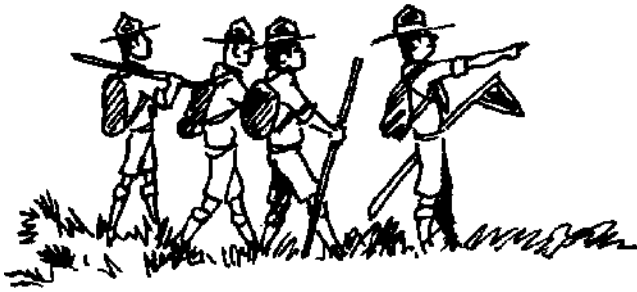
www.cubmasterchris.com
akelasadventure.com

Scout Pod casts:

Early Rank Requirement Videos for Tenderfoot-First Class
<http://scouting.org/applications/rankvideo.aspx>

What is your favorite Podcast?

Please share with Up Etowah Creek - email your suggestions to newsletter@etowahcreek.com



Hey, everyone, check out

www.scoutface.com

A Cool place to meet Scouts of all ages from all over the world!

Get connected with Scouts on ScoutFace.

- Find scouts all around the world.
- Watch and share Scouts photos and videos.
- Build your own Scout page to express yourself.

Or



BSA Tries Social Networking with Scouting Community

community.scouting.org

What is the Scouting Community?

The National Council of the Boy Scouts of America has implemented the Scouting Community system to test the use social networking. This platform is designed to provide social networking capabilities to all employees, volunteers and youth members over the age of 14.

The platform is accessible through the MyScouting portal (<http://www.scouting.org/myscouting>) to any council employee and/or volunteer. In order to access the system, a user must enter their BSA Member ID into their MyScouting profile page. This platform will be a closed system available only to members of the Boy Scouts of America.

Expectations of the users

While using this system, users are expected to act as Scouts would act and obey the Scout Law:

A Scout is ...

trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent.

Fun Game Link: www.washers.org

Washers is a game of skill, similar to Horseshoes, in which individuals or teams compete against one another in an effort to be the first to reach a winning score of 11, 17 or 21 points. The game consists of two washer pits located opposite one another, each with a recessed cup. Contestants stand in one pit and throw washers toward the cup in the other pit. The object is to land in the cup, or nearest the cup, to score.

Great Gadget!
Introducing (drum roll, please)
The Disintegrator!
www.youtube.com/watch?v=gDPEU6wkZmA

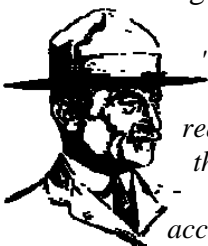
(The Disintegrator is a rubber band gun capable of firing more than 40 rounds per second (2400 rounds per minute) from its 24 revolving barrels.)

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

Check out
www.scoutingnews.org
 For up to date news about Scouting Across the World

Remember Baden Powell's sage advice
On Training (From the 1908 text of Scouting for Boys:)



"But as you come to teach these things you will very soon find (unless you are a ready-made angel) that you have to acquire them yourself before you can succeed with the boys, and when once this is accomplished the occupation is intensely interesting and improving."

SfB, Page 307, Baden-Powell

Pyromomma' Easy Scout Recipe Bear Tracks Granola TrailMix

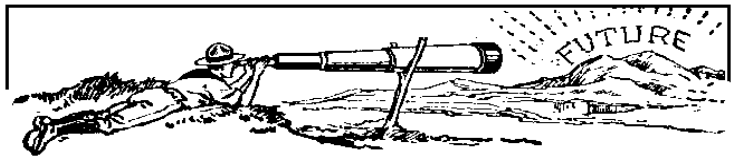
(Make ahead and store in air-tight container or bag).

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|------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 2 C. oatmeal | 1-1/2 tsp. Allspice |
| 3/4 C. almonds, halved | 1 tsp. cinnamon |
| 1/2 C. coconut | 1/4 C. butter |
| 1/2 C. raw cashews | 2 T. honey |
| 1/3 C. brown sugar | 1 C. pitted dates, cut into thirds |

Preheat oven to 300. Mix dry ingredients except dates in a large bowl. Melt butter with honey in small saucepan. Pour over granola mixture and toss well. Spread out mixture on cookie sheet. Bake 20 minutes. Stir occasionally. Add dates; mix to separate clumps. Continue to bake until golden brown, about 15 minutes longer. Stir occasionally. Makes 6 cups. This makes a great breakfast cereal, too!

Trailmix Variation: Add Peanut M&Ms for more carbs.

Trailmix Variation 2: Add mixed dried fruit, yoghurt raisins, macadamia nuts, dry roasted peanuts and almonds, dried cranberries or blueberries – experiment!



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!

November

- ✦ 13- Roundtable - Ashland UMC – 7PM
- ✦ 15 Cub Leader basic Training 8-4:30 Faith Pres
- ✦ 21-23 Etowah Camporee – Harbison State Forest
- ✦ 25 - Popcorn Money Due to Council Service Center

December

- ✦ 5-7 IOLS – Scoutmaster/ASM Basic Leader Training Part 2
- ✦ 11 Roundtable Ashland UMC 7PM
- ✦ 11 Scouting For Food Landrush- Ashland UMC 6:30
- ✦ 27-30 Klondike Camping – Barstow

January

- ✦ 2-31 Scout History Display Irmo Library
- ✦ 15 (Date Change!) Scout Roundtable Ashland UMC 7PM
- ✦ 24 University of Scouting
- ✦ 31- Scouting for Food - Bag Drop off

Feb

- ✦ 1-28- International Scouting Display – Irmo Library
- ✦ 7 Scouting For Food - Bag Pick up

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

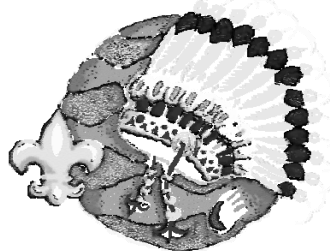
Etowah Creek District Trainings:

Call Joan Janoch 345-5700 for more info



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

Reminder:

Next Roundtable is December 11

Scout Office Thanksgiving Holiday Hours

Wednesday, November 26: Closed at Noon

Thursday - Friday, November 27-28 Closed all day



Free CPR Course

Lexington County Residents: Free CPR Courses Free Red Cross Adult and Infant CPR courses. Limited to residents of Lexington County. To sign up for a class please call Major Patty Labbe, 785-8148 or email plabbe@lex-co.com **Space is available in Feb.**

Scout Green –Thrifty, too!

www.freecycle.com

Online Free local stuff- keep it out of the landfill! Great way to get craft supplies, too. Anyone need 200 bathroom tissue tubes for Cub Scout Shakers? How about 200 tiles for Eagle Project building materials? Need uniforms? **Ask and you may receive!** A huge community effort and great way to score free stuff and get rid of yours! Different lists for Columbia, Irmo, Lexington, etc.

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



**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

Commissioner Training Nov. 22.
Register online www.indianwaters.org

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.

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.



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.



*Resources to help Unplug
your child:*

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



Etowah Creek District 2008 Eagles

February	
Wilt Boone	411
Bryan Riddick	95
Trey Huey	411
Edward Mungo	312

March 2008	
Zack Bregovi	48
James Hillian, III	330
Harrison S. Hall	95
Scott A. Aebersold	95
Jeremy Berry	330
Andrew Foreman	521

May 2008	
Andrew Schoonover	48
John Waters	411
Marclay Dantzler	330
Greg Leophardt	95

June 2008	
Drew Farr	312
George McArthur	95
Nick Bodnar	330
Brice Spires	95



August 2008	
Brandon Jordan	521
Eric Urconis	95
Josh Nations	410
Collin B. Pascal	411

September 2008	
John Rusnak	312
Elliott Calvert	15
Robert Hoffman	95
Ty Yeoman	312

October 2008	
John Lawrence	870
Timothy Kenyon	576
Wade Reddick	15
Bret Cooper	576
Roy Farrand	15

A Scout is Thrifty

45% off Alps Mountaineering

Calling all Scouts and Scout parents –

They encourage all scout leaders and scout parents to register online at www.scoutdirect.com This is a great way to be informed of **GREAT SALES** and/or other information relating to the Scout Discount Program.

BONUS 60% off Pro Leader Discount

The normal Scout discount is 45%, and *qualified Troop Leaders can receive a one time discount of 60%*. Each Troop is allowed get a total of 3 items at the 60% Pro price from 3 different categories such as 1 pack, 1 tent, and 1 sleeping bag. 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.

Silver Beaver Nominations

Due November 18

Nominations for the coveted Silver Beaver Award are due in the Council Service Center by November 18, 2008. 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 with the territory under the jurisdiction of the local council.

The awards will be presented at the annual Council Recognition and Eagle Banquet in March. The number of awards presented each year is limited. All nominations will be reviewed by a volunteer selection committee.

Nomination forms may be picked up at the Service Center or downloaded off of the Indian Waters website www.indianwaters.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

"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.



More green Stuff

Save Water and money! Tricks for keeping track of how long you spend in the shower:

- Time yourself with a kitchen-egg timer
- Put on a favorite album and figure out how long you're in the shower based on the number and length of songs that play by the time you get out.
- Put the stopper in the tub and see how much water collects as you shower.



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.

Free pamphlet for Leaders and 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.

www.etowahcreek.com/downloads/W2Stransfinal2.pdf

Free on the www.etowahcreek.com website and at Roundtable.



A Scout Is Kind, 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. Mailing Deadlines for Holiday delivery are fast approaching.

With many of our troops in their third and fourth 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.

Adopt a Soldier

www.anysoldier.com

Send a Care Package to a unit -

"AnySoldier Inc. started in August 2003 as a simple family effort to help the soldiers in one Army unit; thus, the name. Due to overwhelming requests, on 1 January 2004 the **Any Soldier** effort was expanded to include any member of the Armed Forces in harms way. Links are on this page for AnyMarine, AnyAirman, AnySailor, and AnyCoastGuard.

All the Soldiers involved in this effort are stationed in areas that are in harm's way. You send your support (letters and/or packages) addressed to them and when they see the "Attn: Any Soldier" line in their address they put your letters and packages into the hands of Soldiers who don't get much or any mail first. Everything is shared. We have volunteer Soldier "contacts" on the "Where to Send" page. Click through the names and select the one(s) you wish to support. They list what the folks they represent want and need. We even have a search capability so you can easily identify what the troops need most."

