



Up Etowah Creek...

Etowah Creek District BSA Newsletter

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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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Next Month at the
January 15, 2009

All Scout Leaders Roundtable: Celebrating Diversity!

Plus the **new International Scouting Awards and Patches** and information on how to earn them.



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

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

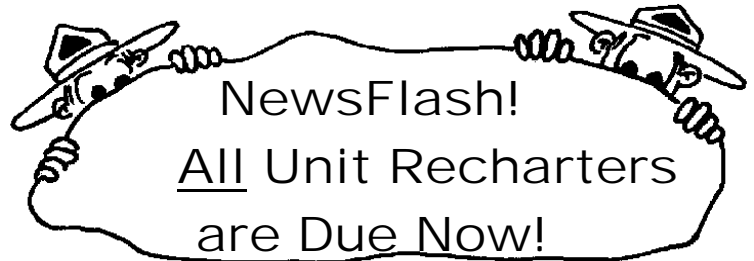
To see what Games, recipes, ceremonies, and outings will be shared next month at Roundtable, go to

www.mysignup.com/etowahroundtable

Not Trained? No Tour Permit!

On January 1, Tour Permits will be issued only if new training standards are met. "**Planning and Preparing for Hazardous Weather**" is now required for Tour Permits. 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 and an accident happens, **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.



From the DE's Desk:

All Recharter dates have been moved to December and January. All recharterers should be turned in ASAP no matter what month they are due!!! Every unit should have received their Charter Renewal packets in the mail. Our new Scout Executive wants things to move more smoothly in our council, so **ALL units must recharter in either December or January, even if your unit does not normally recharter in those months.** Check your recharter packets and also be sure to check your **Quality Unit goals** - If you have any questions, feel free to call or email Tom McGrath so that your unit can get on the road to charter fulfillment. Contact your Unit Commissioner or DE Tom McGrath at tmcgrath@bsaemail.org or at the Scout Shop.

Prepare and upload your Charters & Advancement reports fast and easy. Its only with BSA ScoutNET certified software!



ScoutSoft (www.scoutsoft.net) simply upload everything directly into the Council's ScoutNet database. It's that simple! Also check out the Free Advancement Planner (no purchase needed)

Troopmaster (www.troopmaster.com) TroopMaster has always been the most powerful and popular scout unit management system in America.

Quality Unit forms

Not sure about this whole Centennial Quality Unit thing? Wondering where the numbers come from, and why this is important? Come talk with a friendly commissioner or our DE Tom McGrath and they'll help you figure out the Centennial Quality Unit form for your pack, troop, team, or crew. If you're



not sure what your unit did in '08 for advancements, retention, new members, or training, you can call Tom McGrath.

Remember that the **deadline for filling out the '08 completion form is December 31**- and that's coming up quick! The deadline for filling out the '09 commitment form is in January, which comes up almost as fast.

Question of the day

How do Crazy Scouts go through the forest?
They take the Psycho Path!

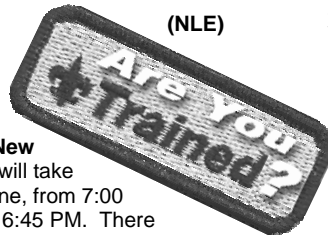


**Welcome
to our new Council
Scout Executive!**

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

**Scoutmasters and Boy Scout Leaders:
Trainings in February**

There will be a **New Leader Essentials Training and a Youth Protection Training** given on **Tuesday evening, February 17, 2009**. This training is for Boy Scout, Varsity, Venture and Explorer Leaders. **It is not for Cub Scout Leaders who now take New Leader Essentials Equivalent Training.** It will take place at Faith Presbyterian Church in Ballentine, from 7:00 PM until 10:30 PM with check-in beginning at 6:45 PM. There will be a \$2.50 fee and a light supper will be served. Pre-registration is required. This can be accomplished online or at the Scout Service Center. The deadline for pre-registration is February 13, 2009.



Also there will be a Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster Leader Specific Training on Saturday, February 28, 2009.

It will be held at Faith Presbyterian Church from 8:00 AM until 4:30 PM with a check-in beginning at 7:45 AM. There is a \$15 fee which includes breakfast items and lunch. Pre-registration is required. This can be accomplished online or at the Scout Service Center. The deadline for pre-registration is February 25, 2009. **For training information call Joan Janoch at 345-5700**
Your Son Deserves a Trained leader

Notes from Tom:

- 🇺🇸 All troops need to let me know where they will be attending summer camp at in 2009
- 🇺🇸 Units still need to schedule their Family FOS presentations.
- 🇺🇸 Klondike registration is still open.
- 🇺🇸 We have over 40 unregistered youth in our district and are a few scouts away from



ending the year at a membership growth and achieving Quality District and Quality Council!!!
Turn in all unregistered youth NOW!!!

Summer Camp at Barstow

Register Now!

Weeks 1 and 2 at Barstow are full and weeks 3 and 4 are filling up fast. Get your \$50 deposit in now to reserve your spot.



Scouting For Food

Scouting For Food Dates for 2009

Bags set out Jan 31

Bag Pick Up Feb 7

Jerry Hilbish, District Coordinator 750-0626

**CPR: One, Two, Three,
Four, Stayin' Alive**

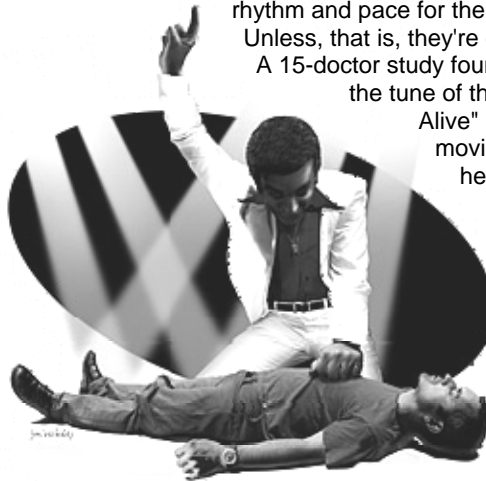
Properly performed, CPR can triple the chance that someone survives a heart attack, but even the best-trained Good Samaritans can have trouble finding the right rhythm and pace for the chest compressions.

Unless, that is, they're disco fans.

A 15-doctor study found that teaching CPR to the tune of the Bee Gees' song "Stayin' Alive" (the snappy anthem of the movie Saturday Night Fever)

helped students perform the compressions at the proper speed and pace on a test five weeks later.

The song is perfect for the rhythm needed. One Council's hospital nursing Ed dept. used to use it at their CPR Marathon Days. The only drawback (and a



true story): A medic was successfully sued by a family. The family thought the EMS provider, who was performing CPR on a family member, was being disrespectful of the dying person situation. He was either singing or humming "Staying Alive". Unfortunately the other song that works well and is used in courses is "Another One Bites The Dust". Who said disco was dead?

New : Disk Golf Training

www.scouting.org/BoyScouts/TrainingModules.aspx
Check it out. Youth seem to enjoy Disc Golf a lot and it can be played on campouts, etc. There is a Disc Golf course at Philmont.

GEEKCREEK

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

Computer Acronyms for Webmasters

www.clickfire.com/acronyms/
If you don't know your WAIS from your WLAN, you might need this site to understand the geekspeak that your computer-savvy friends and workers are talking about. Understanding these computer acronyms should help you decrypt their conversations.

GeekCreek Cool Website of the Month



Share Videos with the Troops www.trooptube.tv

YouTube is one of the hottest Web sites on the 'Net. But not everybody is enamored with the video-sharing site. The Defense Department has banned soldiers from using YouTube. Why? It's all in the interest of national security. Fortunately, the military has launched its own video-sharing site. Videos posted to **TroopTube** are screened by Pentagon employees. They're checked for copyright violations and taste. National security is also considered, of course. **Why not post a video from your Scout Troop or Den or Crew to all of our troops.** Thank them for all their hard work and the sacrifices they have made!

Headwhack of the Month: I wanted to copy, not move the file!

If you have trouble when dragging and dropping files from one window to another, you aren't alone. If you find yourself moving a file when you simply wanted to copy it, remember this simple tip: **Press and hold the CTRL key while you drag and drop to tell Windows you want to copy!**



GeekCreek : Cool Toolz of the Month:

Google SMS Have a question? Get an instant answer! Text your question and get an answer with Google SMS. Send free SMS to 466453 ("GOOGLE") and instantly receive an answer on just about anything! Who won the World Series in 1904? How many people died on the Titanic? How much is \$10 worth in yen? Amaze yourself!

Geekspeak of the Month: DLL

Dynamic Link Library - A file used in Microsoft Windows that contains a library of functions that can be used by any program. Most users usually learn about them through error messages that refer to a problem with a DLL file (usually caused by corruption or version issues).



Check out the new DVD from Scouts - the Scouting TV Show "**Scouting For Adventure**" :

Buy it tonight at Roundtable and take it home now! Only 8 copies available at

RT. What a great Christmas gift for your favorite Scouter!! See Lorie for details.

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>

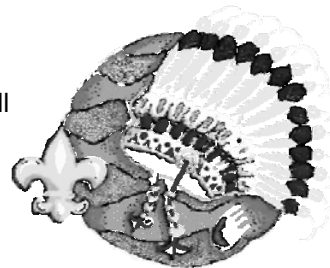
What is your favorite Podcast?

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

Important!

The Etowah Creek District Site will email you when there are updates to the site. **Check it out!**

All information is at www.etowahcreek.com



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

MySpace + Facebook: Social Networking with the Scouting Community

BSA Network community.scouting.org
For News about **Scouting** www.scoutingnews.org
Get connected on **ScoutFace** www.scoutface.com



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.



Pyromomma's Easy Scout Recipe

ENCHILADA PIE for Cold Weather Cooking!

- 🍷 2 lbs ground beef
- 🍷 1 med onion, chopped
- 🍷 1 10¼ oz can tomato soup
- 🍷 2 10 oz cans mild enchilada sauce
- 🍷 8 8-in. corn or flour tortillas
- 🍷 8 oz (2 cups) shredded cheddar, Jack or mozzarella cheese



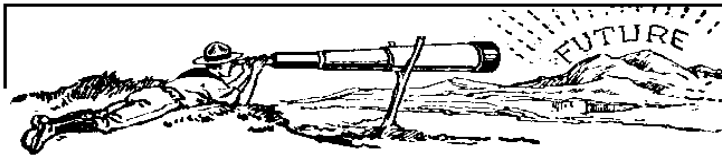
Brown the beef and onion in a Dutch oven. Drain off the fat. Add soup, enchilada sauce and 1 cup water. Simmer uncovered for 5 minutes. Spoon all but one-fourth of the mixture into a bowl. On top of the mixture remaining in the Dutch oven, arrange 2 tortillas. Layer one-third of the removed meat mixture, one-third of the cheese, and 2 tortillas. Repeat layers twice more. Cover. Simmer directly over hot coals for 7-10 minutes or until cheese is melted. Serves 8-10.

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 January 15

Note: 3rd Thursday due to New Years Day schedules



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!

December

- 🍷 11 **Roundtable** Ashland UMC 7PM
- 🍷 11 **Scouting For Food Landrush**- Ashland UMC 6:30
- 🍷 27-30 **Klondike Camping** – Barstow Register Online!

January

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

February

- 🍷 1-28- **International Scouting Display** – Irmo Library
- 🍷 7 **Scouting For Food** - Bag Pick up
- 🍷 12 **Roundtable** AUMC 7PM
- 🍷 13 **District Awards Nominations due**
- 🍷 17 **NLE for Scoutmaster/ASMs** Faith Pres 7pm
- 🍷 28 **Scoutmaster and ASM Training** Faith Pres. 8am

March

- 🍷 12 **Etowah District Awards Dinner and Roundtable** AUMC (Please Note Change!)
- 🍷 19 **Council Banquet and Volunteer recognition**
- 🍷 28 **Merit Badge University**

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 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 as of this printing.**

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!

Feb 17 Troop Leader NLE

Feb 28 Scoutmaster/ASM Leader Specific Training



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA



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.



New Tour Permit Online

www.etowahcreek.com/forms/34426-TourPermit-Editable-Rev2007-2008Printing.pdf

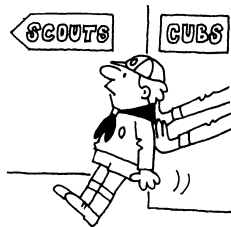


Reminder

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.

Honor the Etowah Creek Volunteers!



Nominees for District Award of Merit, Scoutmaster and Cubmaster of the Year, Scouter, Den Leader, Crew Advisor, and Assistant Scoutmaster of the Year are

due to Tom McGrath by February 13 at noon. Please honor your volunteers and **nominate** your best and brightest stars.

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 past, but the Soldiers and Medics need your support all year around.

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."

See also www.trooptube.tv and send a video tribute to the Soldiers!

