



# 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] All Leaders Roundtable in Columbia, South Carolina.** This showcase for All Leaders (including Youth Leaders for troops and Crews) 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 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 1 week 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!

~ ~ Lorie McGraw BSRT Commissioner and Editor "Up Etowah Creek" 750-0626 (c) 223-3893 roundtable@etowahcreek.com  
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## 100 YEARS OF SCOUTING

*Celebrating the Adventure ★ Continuing the Journey*



**CALLING FOR SCOUT HISTORY!**  
*Photos, stories, and information needed  
about our  
Council*



**From 1910 to the present.** We are in need of vintage photos, meeting helps, or anything that forms a piece of the Indian Waters Council and South Carolina History of Scouting. Items can be scanned or photographed and returned, or archived to be used in exhibits and displays for the 100<sup>th</sup>

Anniversary of Scouting. Items that can be loaned will be returned, items that are donated will be cleaned and cared for and are tax-deductable.

**A History of each unit is requested** and your unit will be contacted by the BSA@100 Committee soon, so spread the word and start gathering the information. Look for more information at Roundtable and on the District and Council websites.

Join the FaceBook team to help sleuth out the mysteries at [tinyurl.com/IWC-BSA-at-100](http://tinyurl.com/IWC-BSA-at-100)

**The 2 millionth Eagle Scout will be announced on May 22, 2009**

*Scouting develops character and leadership in America's youth through adventure-based programs. During 2009-2010, the Boy Scouts of America celebrates its **Centennial Year**. More than 112 million youth have been members since 1910, with 2 million earning the rank of Eagle Scout, including 52,000 in 2008. [www.scouting.org](http://www.scouting.org)*

## Celebrating 100 Years National Hall of Leadership

The National Hall of Leadership is a one-time opportunity only during the 100th Anniversary to honor and recognize Scouts, leaders and any living person who has served as a Scouting volunteer for the extraordinary difference they have made in the lives of others through their leadership. Nominations will be in the form of stories submitted online for judging.

*To nominate someone go online here:*  
<http://tinyurl.com/BSA-2010Hall-Of-Leadership>  
[scouting.org/100years](http://scouting.org/100years)

Please Come to the  
**August 13 Roundtable**

- 🌟 Events and Programs Preview for Etowah Creek District for 2009-2010
- 🌟 Start of our BSA@100 Celebration
- 🌟 Plus Scouting surprises, fun, and more!
- 🌟 (No Roundtable for June-July - Go Camping!)

**Reminders and Announcements**  
See the Council website for details  
[www.indianwaters.org](http://www.indianwaters.org)



**New Book about Scouts has hit the Bookstores**

Nationally-acclaimed author Alvin Townley showcases America's next generation of leaders in his new book, **Spirit of Adventure** (Thomas Dunne Books/St. Martin's Press, 2009), which arrived in bookstores nationwide on May 12th. The book highlights a new generation of Americans: Eagle Scouts in their 20s and 30s who are shaping our country's history.

## SC is the new Scouting Community Social Network

For Scouts and Scouters, run by and propelled by Scouts and Scouters

[www.scouting.org/myscouting](http://www.scouting.org/myscouting)

Check it out! Only Scouters and Scouts above 13 Allowed!

You must be a registered member

of the BSA to access this social networking site.

Plus it gives all Scouters a voice in Scouting's future. Some of the suggestions voiced on the community have resulted in change, including posting national office contact information on [www.scouting.org](http://www.scouting.org).

You must log into MyScouting to get to the Scouting Community Site. If you are new to the site and not sure what to do, start on your Profile page. Post some information about yourself in your bio, add an announcement, make some friends (find someone on the Members page, go to that person's page, and select Add to Friends).

Next, take a look at the discussions in the Forums; these are public; anyone can join in. Dates are listed so you know when a post is new, and if you find a thread you're interested in, click the link to be e-mailed when someone responds—that way you won't miss a thing!

Finally, check out the Groups. We know it's not so easy to navigate groups right now. We have some categories, but they're fickle and you might find a group you like only after searching through all the "wrong" categories. We're working on that. But if you happen upon a group that interests you, just join the group if it's public, or request membership if it's private.

Groups include:

- Indian Waters Council      -2010 Jamboree news and updates
- International Opportunities in Indian Waters Council
- Etowah Creek District      -Coastal Carolina Council
- Commissioners      -Venturing      -Woodbadge
- Training Issues, changes, and updates      -High Adventure
- Health and Safety Changes      -Future Merit Badges

And many more -

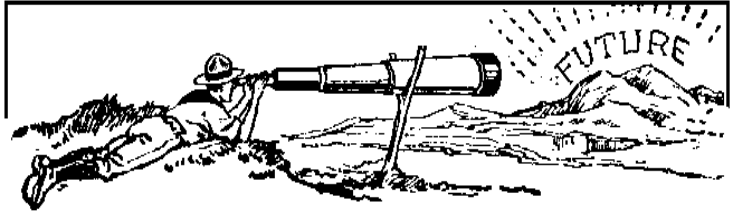
And you can start your own group if you do not see one that serves your needs. Explore the site as much as possible to see how others are using it, and you'll soon find what suits you best. Be sure to invite your Scouting friends to join the community. Enjoy the community!

## From the G2SS online @ [www.scouting.org](http://www.scouting.org) Please! No Flaming or Magic Neckerchiefs

It has come to our attention that some Web sites, older publications, and instructions exist for a Webelos crossover or Boy Scout advancement ceremony that involves igniting a neckerchief dipped in a chemical fuel including acetone or alcohol mixed with water.

As stated in the *Guide to Safe Scouting* and the Boy Scouts of America Policy on the Use of Chemical Fuels: "The use of liquid fuels for starting any type of fire is prohibited."

Please help us protect the people, property, and environment of the Boy Scouts of America by adhering to this policy. Additional guidelines on the use of chemical fuels can be found in the *Guide to Safe Scouting* and on [www.scouting.org](http://www.scouting.org).



## Calendar Highlights

Not all dates are on this calendar, please come to Roundtable each month and get the updated events calendar. Remember - you can attend any training in **any district anywhere**

### Dates to Remember!

#### May

- 16 Scout Camp Early Swim-Check 9-12am Camp Barstow
- 16 Basic Archery Instructor Course 9-6 Camp Barstow (Reg. By 5/3)

#### June

- 4 Popcorn Conference
- 11-14 Cub Resident Camp Barstow
- 14 First Week Camp Barstow Summer camp
- 28-July1 Webelos Woods Barstow

#### July

- 13-17 Etowah Creek Cub Scout Day Camp Cornerstone
- 19-25 NYLT (National Youth Leader Training) Camp Barstow

#### August

- Commissioners Cookout -TBA
- 6 Shotgun Shooting Training
- 20 Council Popcorn Gala
- 20 Cub Scout Shooting Sports Training

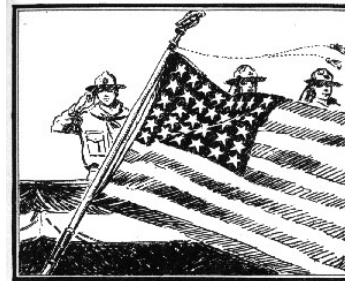
#### September

- 3 Cub Scout Shooting Sports
- 12 Basic Archery Training

*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)*

## Doing a Flag Ceremony?

# Veterans can now salute!



It is no longer necessary to be in uniform to render a salute! Veterans can now show their pride that they served!

As part of the Defense Authorization Act of 2009,

both veterans and active duty military not in uniform may render a salute to the National Anthem, flag ceremonies, and where appropriate. As our nation moves away from military service commitment to an all-volunteer military force, veterans can now show their pride that they served and have the distinction amongst civilians at any tribute to our country and flag.

The new provision improves upon a little known change in federal law last year that authorized veterans to render the military-style hand salute during the raising, lowering or passing of the flag, but it did not address salutes during the National Anthem. Effective January 28, 2008

## New! Centennial Edition of the Boy Scout Handbook

The Centennial Edition (12th) of the Boy Scout Handbook will be available in **July, 2009**. It will feature a mixture of parts of many of the early hand books with a 21st century flair. The handbook features chapters on Leadership and Leave No Trace, which both are firsts.

There will be a supplemental 100 year timeline book with the first printing, plus a mini-book with the rank requirements that is pocket-sized. A website will provide in-depth information on many subjects. The new handbook will be available in 5 different bindings (including a leather bound version) and will be downloadable to an iPod (one of the reasons for the "electronics pocket" in the new scout shirt).



Sources: <http://tinyurl.com/c3egp3> National Volunteer Development (Training)/Discussions, April Training Update, [community.scouting.org](http://community.scouting.org) and National Committee through Scouts-L

## Upcoming Trainings



**The course covers adult and children's CPR (2 year certification each) plus First Aid (3 year certification), and AED instruction.**

Ashland UMC 2600 Ashland Rd. May 30

Cost: \$55.00

Contact Amanda Bailey 781-8782

MABailey@sc.rr.com or abailey@retirement.sc.gov

**Deadline: May 22, 2009**

## OUTDOOR PROVERBS



What weighs an ounce in the morning, weighs a pound at night.

If there's only one, it isn't a track, it's an accident.

Better safe than sorry.

No smoke without fire.

The bluejay doesn't scream without reason.

The worm sees nothing pretty about the robin's song.

Ducks flying over head in the woods are generally pointed for water.

If the turtles on a log are dry, they have been there half an hour or more, which means no one has been near to alarm them.

Cobwebs across a hole mean "nothing inside."

A circle round the moon means "storm."

Sudden heat brings thunder.

East wind brings rain.

West wind brings clear, bright, cool weather.

North wind brings cold.

South wind brings heat.

Swallows flying low is a sign of rain; high, of clearing weather.

The rain follows the wind, and the heavy blast is just before the shower.

When the dew is on the grass,  
Rain will never come to pass.  
When the grass is dry at night,  
Look for rain before the light.

## Oops! Not Trained? No Tour Permit For You!

As of January 1, 2009 Tour Permits will be issued only if new training standards are met. "Planning and Preparing for Hazardous Weather" is now required for all Tour Permits plus current Youth Protection Training as registered with the Council.

The new courses 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 and an accident happens, you and your Chartered Organization may be liable for any injury, damage, or lawsuits resulting from your unit event.

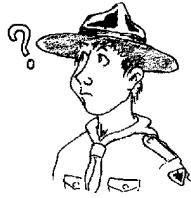
Please follow all guidelines, rules, and procedures given in training and at the national BSA site under **Safety**, read and take with you the **Guide to Safe Scouting**, and **Be Prepared** to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for your Cubs, Scouts, and Venturers. See Council "Smoke Signals" and website for details.

## New Tour Permit Online

[www.etowahcreek.com/forms/34426-TourPermit-Editable-Rev2007-2008Printing.pdf](http://www.etowahcreek.com/forms/34426-TourPermit-Editable-Rev2007-2008Printing.pdf)

## File Your Tour Permit Online!

See the Council Website [www.indianwaters.org](http://www.indianwaters.org)



## TRAINING ALERT

The new online training course "This is Scouting" has replaced New Leader Essentials for Cub Scout Leaders and it is on the Online Learning Center. [www.scouting.org](http://www.scouting.org)

# GEEKCREEK!

## UP ETOWAH CREEK'S PICKS FOR TECHIES★ ELECTRONIC ENTERTAINMENT★ AND THE WEB★

### COOL TOOLZ OF THE MONTH

#### FOR SCOUTS AND SCOUTERS

#### VIDEO CHAT

#### FOR MERIT BADGE COUNSELORS?

#### WHY NOT?

#### Gmail Voice and Video Chat

If you are a Gmail account holder then the Gmail Voice and Video Chat program is a good option for you. The perks of this program are that it is a small file that can be installed in a matter of seconds. You can access your Gmail video chat sessions through your Gmail email or through a Gmail chat session.

For a list of **more Free Video Chat** programs see [www.askbobrankin.com/free\\_video\\_chat\\_programs.html](http://www.askbobrankin.com/free_video_chat_programs.html)



#### Free Scouting Recognition Certificates Online

[www.cyberbasetradingpost.com/docs/create-a-certificate1.cfm](http://www.cyberbasetradingpost.com/docs/create-a-certificate1.cfm)

#### Tweet Alert!

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

If you Twitter you can now get updates tweeted from National via Twitter~ [twitter.com/boyscouts](http://twitter.com/boyscouts)

And if you want to follow Lorie, editor and Roundtable Commissioner go to [twitter.com/pyromomma](http://twitter.com/pyromomma)

And a great organizer for your Tweets is TweetDeck <http://www.tweetdeck.com/beta/>

#### Need to share large files with the unit?

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

**Media Fire** is a free file-sharing and storage service that lets users upload unlimited files and images of up to 100Mb. What's even better is that the site doesn't require registration, so that's one less password/username combo to have knocking around in your head. After the easy file-upload process, you can access your data from any computer and post links to the files for sharing with Scouts and fellow leaders.



### GeekCreek Cool Website of the Month



#### New Free Online Digital Editors all in one place at **Aviary.com**

**Aviary** is a suite of powerful creative applications that you can use right in your web browser **online, nothing to download**, accessible

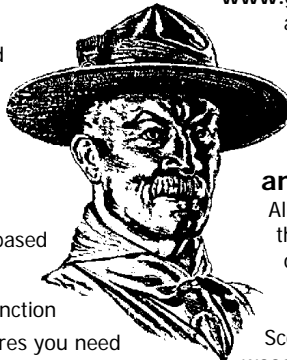
**anywhere** you have a connection. Currently on their site:

**Phoenix Image Editor:** From basic image retouching to complex effects, Phoenix delivers the key features of a desktop image editor with the simplicity and accessibility of a web-based application

**Raven Vector Editor:** The world's first online **vector editor**. Use Raven to create fully scalable vector art appropriate for logos or tee shirt designs. You won't find a similar tool on the web.

**Peacock Visual Editor:** Experiment with pixel-based images in completely new ways.

**Toucan Color Palettes:** Used alone or in conjunction with our other creation tools, Toucan gives you the features you need to inject color into your creative process. Basic edition is free, premium edition is \$9.99 a month



#### Keep Your Scouts Safe [www.familywatchdog.us](http://www.familywatchdog.us)

Free search and email alerts of any sex offenders that move into or reside in your area. Also Background checks, reverse phone and email searches, etc.

#### WikiTaxi

Did you ever want to take Wikipedia with you while you are offline? Call on WikiTaxi: It is a portable application that delivers the Wikipedia of your choice to wherever you go. WikiTaxi enables you to read, search, and browse Wikipedia offline. No Internet connection is needed. The huge English Wikipedia easily fits on a 8 GB memory stick.

[dottech.org/headline/6803](http://dottech.org/headline/6803)

#### Going on a trip? Philmont? Seabase?

**Free audio books, ebooks, and music** for your ipod, PDA, laptop, or cell phone. Download free eBooks and read them on your PDA, laptop, MP3 player, or smartphone. You'll also find Creative Commons works and public domain.

(Hint: search for *Ernest Thompson Seton*, *Daniel Beard*, or *Baden-Powell* for many of the books written by these founders of Scouting.)

**www.gutenberg.org Project Gutenberg** 128,000 audio-books and music

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#### "The Dump" Free Vintage Scout Books and Resources and Free Vintage Scouting Scans

All of the Scouting books printed before 1960, plus many after that. Scanned and archived to be downloaded in PDF form. All of Baden-Powell's books, plus Patrol Leader Guides, the Gilwell Series, Songs, Games, Pioneering and Lashing (all of Sweet's books are here), Woodcraft, etc. Hundreds of books, all about Scouting, mostly from England and Canada, but the skills and woodcraft are universal.

[www.thedump.scoutscan.com](http://www.thedump.scoutscan.com)

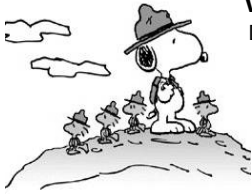
#### Need a Camp Song, Grace, or Game?

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

(Caution, some songs and games are not suitable for all Scouts)



### Coollest Survival Tricks Site



#### wildwoodsurvival.com

Did you know that you can **start a fire with water?** Or just with the bottom of a soda can and a bar of chocolate? **How about creating fire with a chunk of ice?** It's true!

The Wildwood Survival website contains information on wilderness survival skills from the viewpoint of the ancient philosophy of living in harmony with the Earth. There are over 500 pages on this site about various survival topics, including fire, shelter, water, food, water, and much much more! Put some pizzazz back into your troop meetings with ideas from this great site!

### The Absolute Best Web Browser Add-ins

**www.Xmarks.com** allows you to sync your bookmarks between Internet Explorer, Firefox and Safari in your desktop and laptops. **www.only2clicks.com**

Set up your own home page the way that you want to see it, so that your most commonly visited sites are Just 2 Clicks away. I have my home page set up with all of my most commonly visited sites grouped into tabs. I have mine sorted into News, Scouts, Gardening, GeekTec (for my webmaster sites that I visit all the time) Movies and TV (put up the local Colamovies.com, etc on that tab), etc. Easy and very convenient. **And Free!**

### UberGeek (technology for the truly technical)

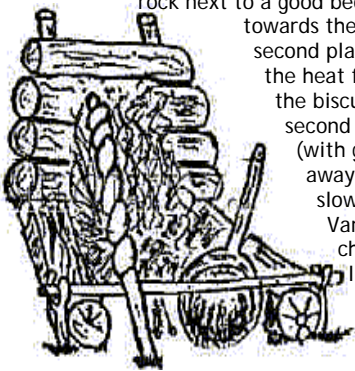
#### www.podcastingnews.com

More than you will ever want to know about Podcasting and what to do with it. Maximum readership age - 29. Anyone over that will be totally lost. You were warned -

### Pyromomma's Easy Scout Recipe

#### Cedar Plank Muffin Tops and Biscuits

Place just enough water in the bag of Jiffy Blueberry Muffin Mix or Biscuit Mix to make a soft dough. Drop dough balls on clean plank or rock next to a good bed of coals. Tip the plank up towards the fire slightly. Then lean a second plank behind the biscuits, so that the heat from the coals is reflected onto the biscuit tops and backs from the second plank. If they brown too fast (with gooey center), move further away from the coals to cook more slowly.



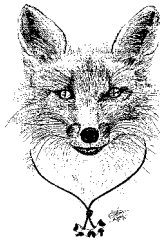
Variation: Use brownie mix for chocolate brownie tops (use less liquid) or cake mix. To any of these you can add sugar, chopped apples, nuts and cinnamon, or canned fruit.

Required : 2 Planks (or bent sheet of aluminum foil), leaf or baggie to mix dough in.

**Need Free Scout Books?**  
Swap your Old Paperback Books for Scout Books and More.  
Over 200 Scouting books, manuals, Merit Badge books, Program helps, and more listed. Swap one for one. **Free**  
<http://www.paperbackswap.com>

### WHERE CAN I FIND THAT COOL WOODBADGE STUFF?

- ♣ **QuartermasterStore.com** - Wood Badge Name Tags, Hat Pins, Patches, etc. Order online!
- ♣ **www.CimarronArtGallery.com** That famous art gallery near Philmont!
- ♣ **Critters-Galore.com** - Wood Badge Critters, stuffed animals, jewelry etc.
- ♣ **Gilwell Store** <http://www.sbuk.org.uk/info.centre/> and type "Gilwell" in the search box.
- OTHER♣: ♣ **WoodBadgeStuff.com** ♣
- WoodBadgeStore.net** ♣ **CritterTracks.com**



### Camp and Trek Physicals For adults and boys

The University of South Carolina, School of Nursing, is offering **\$35** Physicals for Boy Scouts and Adult Leaders. "Jessica" is running the show. She requests calling 2 days in advance and it is by appointment only. (This is in an old shopping center on Two Notch a few blocks down from before the intersection with Beltline Rd. if you are on Sunset Dr. along the back of Richland Memorial Hospital )  
Contact: Joanne Madden, MSN, PMHNP-BC  
2638 Two Notch Rd.  
Columbia, SC 29204  
(803) 256-2500  
No insurance required but mention Boy Scouts

**Important!**

The Etowah Creek District Site will email you when there are updates to the site. But you have to go there and sign up, then reply to the email sent to you. Are you signed up and verified? **Get the latest updates! Check it out!** All information is at [www.etowahcreek.com](http://www.etowahcreek.com)



National Venturing Youth Cabinet  
www.nationalventuringyouthcabinet.org



Venturing Southern Region is on Facebook. Go to Facebook.com and search for Southern 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.

**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.

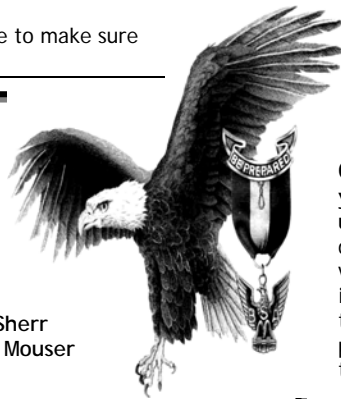
*Congratulations to the  
New Eagles  
of Etowah Creek District*

March 2009

Michael C. Lever T521 SM Thad Sherr  
Austin Lockwood T577 SM Brock Mouser

April 2009

Kyle Bedenbaugh T312 SM Greg Lee  
James R. Kent III T95 SM Bill Burn  
Nathan Hopfensperger T95 SM Bill Burn



A Scout is Helpful!

Have a tip to share? Photos of an outing? Game to lead?  
**SIGN UP FOR NEXT YEAR'S  
ROUNDTABLE!**

www.mysignup.com/etowahroundtable

**A Scout Is Loyal!**

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. A Scout is Kind!

A SCOUT IS KIND, HELPFUL, AND LOYAL

Scouts and Scouters:

**Help is Needed in Support of Our  
Injured Troops - Make a Quilt!**

www.OperationQuietComfort.com

Operation: Quiet Comfort Send a comforting quilt by having your unit sign quilt squares as a sign of our thanks for their ultimate sacrifice. 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 and signed quilt squares 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.

**Scout Green -Thrifty, too!**

Green ideas for MAY that can be done on a family, unit, or area level!

www.keepthemidlandsbeautiful.org

**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.

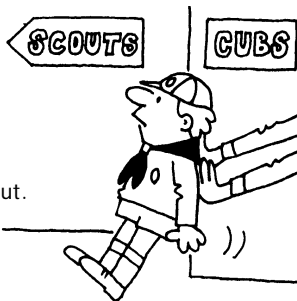
What questions should you ask?

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



**Keep it out of the Landfill!**

Donate Gently Used Goods to Local Charities

- His House (803) 791-0557 (Pickup service)
- Goodwill Industries (803) 216-9000 (No pickup service)
- The Cooperative Ministry (803) 799-3853
- Sharing God's Love (803) 732-3188
- God's Storehouse (803) 691-1622
- The Habitat Store (803) 936-0088 (Pickup Service)
- Vietnam Veterans (803) 754-4497 (Pickup Service)
- American Legion Post 173 (803) 796-8632 Pickup service
- Salvation Army (803) 748-9964 (Pickup Service)

www.Freecycle.com

Online Free local stuff- keep it out of the landfill! Ask and you may receive! A huge community effort and great way to score FREE stuff and get rid of yours! Lists for Columbia, Irmo, Chapin, Lexington.



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EARTH911.COM**