



Up Etowah Creek..

Etowah Creek District BSA Newsletter

Indian Waters Council in the Midlands of South Carolina, USA

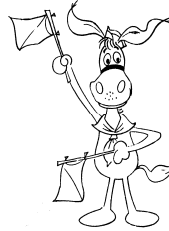
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Welcome to Etowah Creek

District [ECD] 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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Recall on Popcorn

See the Council website for details
www.indianwaters.org

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.



NEWS FLASH!

Dateline 02/11/09

Permanent Jamboree and New High Adventure Sites announced in Virginia and W. Virginia

Scouting.org

The 2010 Jamboree at Ft. A.P. Hill will be the final one at that site. A new permanent Jamboree site for the 2013 Jamboree has been chosen in Virginia and a new High Adventure base will open in West Virginia.

Full article:

tinyurl.com/BSA-100-NewJamboSite



100 YEARS OF SCOUTING

Celebrating the Adventure ★ Continuing the Journey



scouting.org/100years

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>

Next Month at the
 March 12, 2009
 Roundtable
 Volunteer
 Awards
 and More!

Honor the Etowah Creek Volunteers!

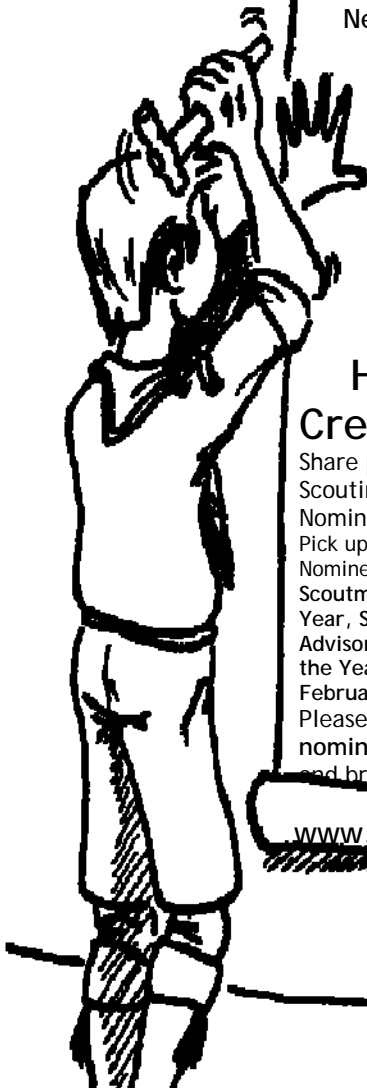
Share pizza and an evening of fun and Scouting Rewards!

Nominate your Volunteers!

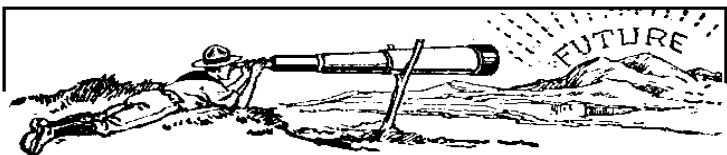
Pick up forms at Roundtable
 Nominees for District Award of Merit, Scoutmaster and Cubmaster of the Year, Scouter, Den Leader, Crew Advisor, and Assistant Scoutmaster of the Year are due to Tom McGrath by February 13 at noon.

Please honor your volunteers and nominate your best and brightest stars online at

www.etowahcreek.com



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



Etowah Creek District

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!

February

- 12 Roundtable AUMC 7PM
- 13 District Volunteers Awards Nominations due
- 17 NLE for Scoutmaster/ASMs Faith Pres 7pm
- 21 USC Basketball Scout Night Colonial Center
- 28 Scoutmaster and ASM Training Faith Pres. 8am

March

- 12 Etowah District Volunteers Awards and Roundtable AUMC (Please Note Change!)
- 19 Council Banquet and Volunteer recognition (see IWC website)
- 20-22 Woodbadge Training weekend 1
- 28 Merit Badge University

April

- 9 Roundtable AUMC 7PM
- 17-19 Woodbadge Training weekend 2

Oops! Not Trained? No Tour Permit!

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



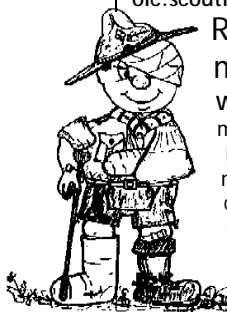
Remember! Don't wait until the last minute! Tour Permits must be submitted 2 weeks in advance. If plans change, updates can be made.

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 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

Spring Trainings
Shooting Sports Training

Rifle Student Course / NRA Trainer Instructor Course

Thursday, March 12, 2009 Scout Office 7p to 10p

These two courses are prerequisites for the Rifle Instructor Course, and must be completed before the Rifle Instructor Course can be taken.

Rifle Instructor Course

Saturday, March 14, 2009 Camp Barstow Rifle Range 9a to 7p

Must have RSC/NRA-TIC (above)

Total cost for all 3 Rifle courses above: \$35

Limited Space! Registration closes March 2 at noon or when spaces fill.

Register at the Scout Shop or online at www.indianwaters.org

Basic Archery Instructor Course – full day

Saturday, May 16th Camp Barstow Archery range

Cost: \$34.00 Must be 18 years or older by May 31, 2009

Sign up by 12 noon Monday, May 4th.

Register at the Scout Office 803-750-9868

Questions? Call Bob Hamilton @803.237.3271 or 803.359.9646

Also available: Range Safety Officer Training / Home Study Course

Cost: \$19 Questions? Call Bob Hamilton @803.237.3271 or 803.359.9646

Climbing/Rappelling Instructors Training

"BSA Climbing Instructor" certification

April 3-5, 2009 Camp Barstow Cost - \$25

The class will start Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. and will end Sunday at noon. For older youth/adults. Troops/Crews must have a certified "BSA Climbing Instructor" with them to run the climbing tower at Barstow.

Contact Stan Haines at StanHaines@gmail.com

For more info or to register online see tinyurl.com/climb-rappel-IWC-April09

Troops/Crews:

New Leader Essentials (NLE) Training
Youth Protection Training

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. Faith Presbyterian Church in Ballentine, from 7:00 PM - 10:30 PM check-in 6:45 PM. \$2.50 fee a light supper will be served. Pre-registration is required by February 13, 2009. This can be accomplished online or at the Scout Service Center

Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster Leader
Specific Training on Saturday, February 28, 2009

Faith Presbyterian Church from 8:00 AM until 4:30 PM with a check-in beginning at 7:45 AM. Pre-registration is required by February 25, 2009. \$15 fee includes breakfast items and lunch.

Packs

BALOO/Webelos Leader Outdoor Training

Family Camping Weekend on Saturday, April 4, 2009.

Register online at www.indianwaters.org

BALOO: Any pack that camps must be BALOO-certified and present.

WLOT=Webelos leaders/Assistants and the Boy Scout way to camp

TRAINING ALERT

The new online training course "This is Scouting" will soon replace New Leader Essentials for Cub Scout Leaders. However, the development time has taken longer than anticipated and it will not be on the Online Learning Center until the middle of March. www.scouting.org

GECKCREEK

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

GeekCreek Cool Website of the Month



Google Earth 5.0 is out and it includes underwater images, videos, plus Mars! You can fly under the surface of oceans and explore underwater terrain, such as the Davidson S-seamounts, underwater canyons, etc.

You can mark locations under these water surfaces using placemarks and more - You can even track tagged sharks via gps. Awesome! earth.google.com

Spooky or useful?

A new tool, Google Latitude, allows you to locate friends and family via their cellphone gps. <http://www.google.com/latitude>

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

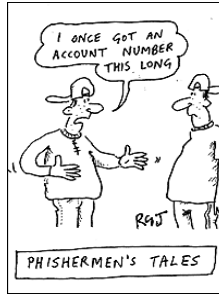
Headwhack of the Month: Vista's checkbox multiple file select option A better way to select files. tinyurl.com/headwhack-Feb09

Cool Toolz of the Month

MP3myMP3 Recorder 2.0- FREE
www.mp3mymp3.com Record internet radio, speech from a microphone, or anything that comes through your sound card and save to mp3 or wav. Record streaming audio from the Internet, microphone, or any other source for that matter. MP3myMP3 Recorder works directly with your system sound card - if you can hear it, you can record it! An awesome way to record a narration of your picture slide show from that last campout, Court of Honor, etc. Tons of uses! FREE



Etherpad.com FREE
EtherPad lets multiple people work on the same text simultaneously. For real-time and instantaneous collaboration. You can store and edit later, too. EtherPad beats Google Docs hands-down. It's insanely useful for: Patrol collaborations between youth leaders, Den meeting planning online, Planning Troop meetings/ Committee Meeting, online notes taking during Scout Event planning meetings, Teamwork planning, Sharing and brainstorming ideas for events, Drafting & wordsmithing, the possibilities are endless! FREE



GeekSpeak of the Month: Phishing (pronounced 'Fishing') getting your identity by sending emails that trick you into revealing personal information like passwords and bank account numbers.

Free on the Web

Free Podcasts, videos, etc about the outdoors, Scouts, Cubscouts, and more

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>
The Scoutmaster Minute Podcast
<http://thescoutmasterminutepodcast.wordpress.com/>

What is your favorite Podcast?

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

COOL SCOUT HISTORY SITE OF THE MONTH



www.boyscoutstuff.com

An Amazing site that covers the early days of that new craze known as Boy Scouts, including toys, promotions, advertising, fiction, etc. Fascinating

Need a Camp Song, Grace or Game?

www.ultimatecampresource.com
(Caution, some songs and games are not suitable for all Scouts)

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



Pyromomma's Easy Scout Recipe

Backpacker Chicken Chowder

- 1 envelope chicken soup mix (about 1/2 cup)
- 1 cup dry nonfat milk ¼ cup dried canned corn
- 1 can white chunk chicken 1 pkg. chicken gravy mix
- 4 cups water

At home: repackage the dry ingredients in a 1-quart heavy-duty Ziploc bag before the trip (it saves on space and wastepaper).
 At camp: boil water and add ingredients. Simmer until all are done. Serves 2-3.

Note: you can substitute 8 oz canned corn for the dry corn, but reduce the water by 1/2 cup. The canned chicken and the canned corn can be dried in your oven on parchment paper if you do not want to pack a can in and out again. Do not dry uncooked chicken!



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.

OTHERS: 🌿 **WoodBadgeStuff.com** 🌿
WoodBadgeStore.net 🌿 **CritterTracks.com**

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



IW COUNCIL VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION BANQUET

PLUS 2008 EAGLE SCOUTS

March 19 6:30:00 PM

Registration Begins February 13

\$30.00 per person. See www.indianwaters.org for details



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

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. 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.

A Webelos' Dilemma

Question: My son is a rising Webelos in his pack. He has earned the Arrow of Light but has not crossed over. Can he earn merit badges now? Can he be dual registered as both a Boy Scout and a Webelos?

Answer: A boy cannot be both a Boy Scout and a Cub Scout. Once he officially crosses over his Cub days are over. Likewise his Boy Scout days cannot start until the crossover. The official cross-over point is NOT the crossover ceremony, but the date put on the transfer application to the troop



(the ceremony can take place months after his official crossover to the troop). As part of the Arrow of Light, the family needed to fill out an application to join a troop, but he does not (and probably should not) actually submit it to the troop at the time: if they process it right away you can run into problem submitting the Arrow of Light on a Cub advancement form

(since once he is a Boy Scout he can no longer advance in Cubs, and thus can't earn the AOL after he becomes a Boy Scout).

Once the pack has submitted the advancement form for the Arrow of Light, and the boys have decided it is time to stop being a Cub and start becoming a Boy Scout, you can give the form to the troop or tell them it is ok to submit it. Normally you hold the crossover ceremony at this time, but that isn't strictly required. Note also, that giving the form isn't sufficient, but it must be accepted by the Scoutmaster for it to be official and filed at the Scout office. Once that step is taken he is officially a member of the troop and may advance and be covered by the unit insurance.

Also before he starts ANY merit badge, he must get a "blue card" from his Scoutmaster as permission to start that particular merit badge. Starting on a merit badge before you are a Boy Scout is a good way to make the badge not count.



Congratulations to the New Eagles of Etowah Creek District

December 2008

Andrew Metz T 413 SM Jerry Ott
Andrew Barton T 870 SM Bill Barton

January 2009

Matthew M. Barnes T 312 SM Greg Lee
Sam Frick T 410 SM Earl Wells



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!

Cool Gadget

Need to carry a toasting fork in your cookkit? Use a wire coat hanger to make the following and use a piece of branch for your handle. Mmmm! Toasty!



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?

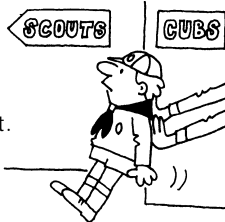
What should you look for in a troop?

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.



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SCOUTING CHANGES LIVES

OBEDIENT CHEERFUL THRIFTY BRAVE CLEAN REVERENT

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. Everything is shared. We have volunteer Soldier "contacts" on the "Where to Send" page. We even have a search capability so you can easily identify what the troops need most. " A Scout is Kind!

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 Thank You 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!

A Scout is Loyal!

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. They are sent in to be made into quilts. The quilts are then wrapped around our wounded soldiers 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 above and she will be happy to provide you with the details of how to get involved.

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. Registration links are on www.etowahcreek.com



Scout Green -Thrifty, too!

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

www.keepthemidlandsbeautiful.org

Telephone Book Recycling February 1 - March 15

This would be a good Troop, Pack, or Den Community Service Project. Recycle phone books! Keep them out of the landfill! In our area drop off at any Lexington County Collection and Recycling Centers.

Compost bins available from Keep the Midlands Beautiful

Start composting in your back yard! Keep the Midlands Beautiful is selling Earth Machine compost bins for \$45. They list for as much as \$150 online.



Call (803) 733-1139 to schedule a time to pick up a bin. For more information on the Earth Machine compost bin, click [here](#).

Rain Barrels Available from the Richland Conservation District

Collecting rainwater for your garden is a smart idea, no matter what your motivation. If drought is a problem where you live, collecting rainwater is a good way to deal with watering restrictions. If you're on a city water system, you stand to save a considerable amount of money. To learn more about rain barrels visit <http://tinyurl.com/bfze5l>. The Richland Conservation District (located at 2020 Hampton Street, Room 3063A in Columbia) is selling a rain barrel system for \$90.00. To purchase a rain barrel, e-mail Charlie Fisher fisherc@rcgov.us or call 803-576-2080. Get ready for Spring!

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.

Have a tip to share?

www.mysignup.com/etowahroundtable
A Scout is Helpful!



Got A Joke? Need A Skit?

Convert-a-Skit!

To make the following joke into a **Boy Scout Skit**, change Sven and Ole into **Boy Scouts or Venturers** who are going on a small plane to hike an inland forest in Alaska. Instead of hunting moose, they could show up with tons of gear. And maybe instead of 2 Scouts it could be a whole Crew?

For a **Cub Scout Den**, perhaps it could be a huge number of **Cub Scouts** that are getting into the plane with the **Den Leaders** assuring the pilot that they did this last week with another den?

Remember to ham it up and overact, and extend it so that all players get a part. And the falling and crashing should be accompanied by plenty of screaming.

Can you share a skit that you converted from a joke?

www.mysignup.com/etowahroundtable

Sven and Ole go Moose Hunting

Two Swedish hunters, Sven and Ole, get a pilot to fly them to Canada to hunt moose. They bag six big bulls.

When they start loading the plane for the return trip, the pilot objects, saying "The plane can only take four of those."

The two Swedes object strongly. "Last year we shot six, and the pilot let us put them all on board; he had the same plane as yours."

Reluctantly, the pilot gives in and all six are loaded.

However, even with full power, the little plane can't handle the load and down it goes and crashes in the middle of nowhere.

A few moments later, climbing out of the wreckage, Sven asks Ole, "Any idea where we are?"

"Yup, I think we're pretty close to where we crashed last year," says Ole.