



# 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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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-deductible.

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 in May and on the District and Council websites. **Join the FaceBook team** to help sleuth out the mysteries at <http://tinyurl.com/IWC-BSA-at-100>

## 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)

## 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*



## Next Month at the May 14 Roundtable:

-  Council Program Preview for 2009-2010
-  Plus Iron Scout Chef Cook-off/Showoff

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



## SC is the new Scouting Community Social Network



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

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.

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

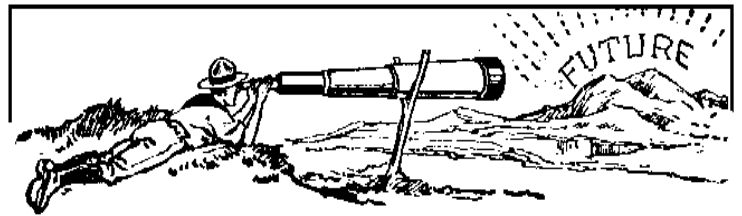
And many more -

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!

## FREE E-BOOK on Benefits of Scouting Growing Up Right, Growing Up Strong By Mark Ray

Over the past couple of years, I've had the chance to participate in a unique project: researching and writing a book for the Boy Scouts of America to sell potential Scout parents on the benefits Scouting offers their children, their families, and themselves. Called **Growing Up Right, Growing Up Strong: Parents, Kids, and Scouting**, the book is now available as a free e-book at the ScoutParents website, www.scoutparents.org. (Click the Parenting Book link near the upper-right corner of the page.)

If you're having trouble getting parents involved in your troop or if you're looking for success stories to share with prospective troop families, the book can be a useful resource. It even includes a simple tool that helps parents figure out how to serve based on the time they have available, their skills, and the environment in which they prefer to work-alone or with a group, with adults or with kids, etc. I hope you'll share this information with people in your unit and use this book to further the Scouting program in your community. Mark Ray www.eaglebook.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!

#### April

- 9 Roundtable AUMC 7PM
- 13 Range Safety Officer Training Bob Hamilton 803/359-9646 (Full)
- 17-19 Woodbadge Training weekend 2
- 30 Cub Scout Range Safety Training 6:30 Scout Office

#### May

- 1-3 Shooting Sports Weekend - Barstow
- 14 Roundtable- Iron Chef Scouting Cookoff Ashland UMC 7PM
- 14 Council Program Kickoff At Roundtable Preview for 2009-2010
- 16 Scout Camp Early Swim-Check 9-12am Camp Barstow
- 16 Basic Archery Instructor Course 9-6 Camp Barstow (Reg. By 5/3)

#### June

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

#### July

- 19-25 NYLT (National Youth Leader Training) Camp Barstow

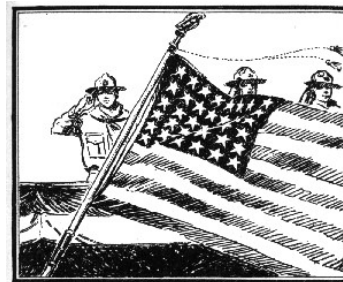
#### August

- Commissioners Cookout -TBA

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

# Spring Trainings

## Shooting Sports Training

### Cub Scout Range/Shooting Training

Thursday April 30, 2009 6:30 - 9:30 pm

Scout Office \$5 <http://tinyurl.com/c3m6ux>

For Summer Camp, Day Camp, Cuboree, Family Camping, ANY Cub Scout Event where BBs or Archery is offered.

Once again we seem to have a shortage of trained shooting sports people for Cub Scout events. Since sometimes you may not know if you will be called to help, it is a great help to the boys in your district to have this course under your belt. Without this training the Cub Shooting areas cannot be opened at any event.

You can sign-up on Double knot and pay for the course online or at the Scout Shop. For more info call Bob Hamilton at 803.359.9646 (h) or 803.237.3271 (c) or email <[rhamiltonsc@gmail.com](mailto:rhamiltonsc@gmail.com)>

### Basic Archery Instructor Course – full day

Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> Camp Barstow Archery range

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

Sign up by 12 noon Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup>.

Register at the Scout Office 803-750-9868

Questions? Call Bob Hamilton @803.237.3271 or 803.359.9646

## 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)



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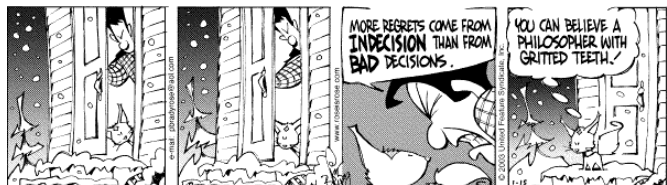
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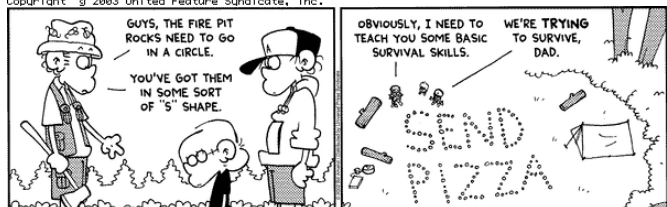
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## Oops! Not Trained?

### 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)

# GEEKCREEK

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

## GeekCreek Cool Website of the Month

At last - Better than just a free fax- **Cell Phone Photo to PDF document and then fax or email to a friend for free - www.qipit.com**



**Qipit** - free mobile online copy service  
Copy documents, whiteboards and handwritten notes with your camera phone or digital camera to store, fax, email or publish!

- Turn documents, notes and whiteboards into digital copies (PDFs)
- Email or fax qipit digital copies via email, your online Qipit account, or right from your phone
- Store all of your paper documents and notes as digital documents for easy archiving and sharing
- Tag your qipit documents for easy searching and sorting
- Publish and share your documents on the web

**Free Scouting Recognition Certificates Online**  
www.cyberbasetradingpost.com/docs/create-a-certificate1.cfm

Now you can generate your own free Scouting recognition certificates online and save as a PDF to print later. Cyberbase Trading Post had released a free web-service for generating Scout-related recognition certificates. The site includes the ability to upload your own background image, or use one of over 7 dozen designs available for general Scouting, Boy Scout specific, Eagle Scout, Cub Scout designs including Pinewood Derby and Blue and Gold banquets, Order of the Arrow, Wood Badge, popcorn sales, International Scouting, blank certificates, and even Girl Scout designs. These are complimented by over 5 dozen styles of certificate seals to choose from. Any text can be entered in any field, giving unlimited flexibility. **FREE**

### Free Titan Backup v2

Titan Backup is a professional backup utility that does its job really well. With a nice clean interface, it has the ability to not only backup your files but also registry files. You can password protect, encrypt (AES 256) or compress backups. There is a scheduler to do automatic backups. You can restore backups direct from the program or create self extracting backups. There is also a sync tool. Anyone that follows my reviews and articles know that I have been a strong advocate of Titan Backup; it is my favorite backup utility. Well now you can grab Titan Backup v2.0.2.39 for **FREE** dottech.org/freebies/6170

## Cool Toolz of the Month For Scouts and Scouters



Ultrafast Desktop Search in tiny **FREE** package

**"Everything"** Search engine

www.voidtools.com

This tool can find a file anywhere on your drive nearly instantaneously. I have been using it for a month and it is fabulous!! In a fraction of a second, **Everything** can locate any file or folder anywhere on your PC, including attached USB drives.

**Everything** can index a fresh install of Windows XP SP2 (about 20,000 files) in about one second. Yet the index files it creates are a tiny 3MB to 5MB.

**Blink and you'll miss seeing it work**

**Everything's** installation file is a tiny 293KB. Do try the program; you'll be very pleasantly surprised at its speed and power. It's a true freeware gem. **FREE**



### Tweet Alert!

www.Twitter.com  
If you Twitter you can now get updates tweeted from National via Twitter~ twitter.com/boyscouts

And if you want to follow Lorie, editor of Up Etowah Creek and Roundtable Commissioner, you can see my profile at twitter.com/pyromomma

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

## GEEKCREEK-GAME SPOTLIGHT

**SimAnimals** (for Wii and Nintendo DS) www.simanimals.com  
Take the wild world of animals into your hands and set your imagination free. Venture into the wild world of animals like never before. Embrace all the adventure, fun, and mischief that await you in the vast forest. Feed a bear what he craves. Pick up a rabbit or hedgehog, and bring him to his friends. Discover what other creatures lurk in the wild. You have the power to reach out and touch, pick up and move everything in the forest from squirrels and foxes to trees and flowers. Make your wild animals happy and maintain a forest that lets them flourish as you venture further into the forest than you've ever been before! Engage wild animals, experience life in the forest, and let your creativity run wild in SimAnimals™. Or better yet, get your Scouts into the woods for **RealAnimals!**



## COOL SCOUT HISTORY SITE OF THE MONTH

"The Art of Robert Baden-Powell"

National Scout Museum, Irving Texas

http://www.bsamuseum.org/

**Need a Camp Song, Grace or Game?**  
www.ultimatecampresource.com

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



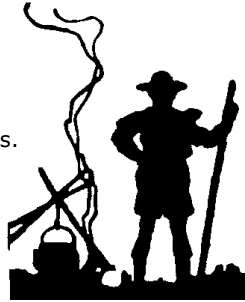


## Pyromomma's Easy Scout Recipe

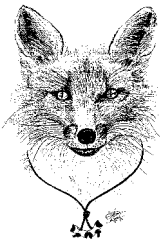
### Neanderthal Roast

Cover Roast with yellow or brown prepared Mustard. Pour Rock Salt on Roast to cover, or roll and press the rock salt into the roast, completely covering all surfaces. (The mustard will hold the Rock Salt on the meat). Put Roast on top of a thin layer of hot charcoal or hard wood coals. Cover the Roast with hot charcoal or wood for about an hour. Remove roast from coals with shovel. Peel or chip the rock salt from the Roast and serve.

Required: A good supply of hardwood coals, a shovel, Mustard, Rock Salt, and a Roast



## WHERE CAN I FIND THAT COOL WOODBADGE STUFF?



the search box.

🌿 **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

**OTHERS:** 🌿 **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](http://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 crossover 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 Metzke T 413 SM Jerry Ott  
Andrew Barton T870 SM Bill Barton

January 2009

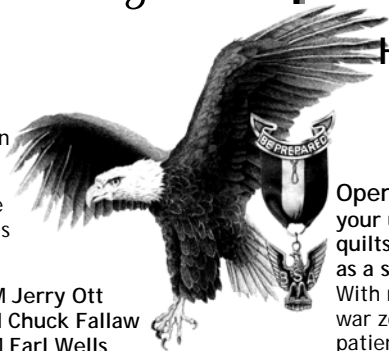
Matthew M. Barnes T312 SM Greg Lee  
Sam Frick T 410 SM Earl Wells

February 2009

Douglas Ray Edmonsun, Jr T413 SM Jerry Ott  
Clyde "Chip" Fallaw IV T15 SM Chuck Fallaw  
John Harmon Clamp T410 SM Earl Wells  
Kevin C Kennedy T312 SM Greg Lee

March 2009

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



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](http://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.

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?

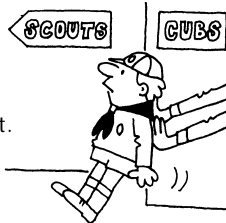
What should you look for in a troop?

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](http://www.etowahcreek.com/downloads/W2Stransfinal2.pdf)

Free on the [www.etowahcreek.com](http://www.etowahcreek.com) website and at Roundtable.



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# SCOUTING CHANGES LIVES

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A Scout is Helpful!

Have a tip to share?

[www.mysignup.com/etowahroundtable](http://www.mysignup.com/etowahroundtable)

## A Scout Is Loyal!

Adopt a Soldier [www.anysoldier.com](http://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!

## Scout Green -Thrifty, too!

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

[www.keepthemidlandsbeautiful.org](http://www.keepthemidlandsbeautiful.org)

## Great Irmo Cleanup Saturday April 18, 9 AM to 12 PM

Pick up supplies at Irmo Town Hall (corner of Woodrow Street and Columbia Ave). For more information on how to volunteer, please contact Inez at 781-7050.

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](http://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.

