



Up Etowah Creek...



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Welcome to Etowah Creek District [ECD] Cub Scout Leader and Boy Scout 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.) Be sure to pick up a copy of Smoke Signals, our Council newspaper, and a packet of handouts. Take a minute to read this newsletter, as that will keep the number of announcements to a minimum! This newsletter is also available online at www.etowahcreek.com/rtnews/eecd-0401news.htm Welcome!

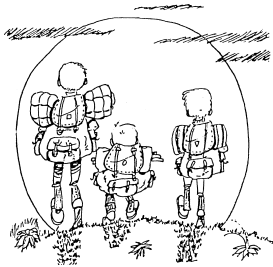
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I plan on living forever. So far, so good.

This Month at Cub Roundtable

May Theme: "Happy Trails" What a great time of year for looking at the forest! Take your den for a hike and learn about nature. Also Forestry games, ideas and crafts. Special section on ceremonies and graduations. [Webelos: Outdoorsman, Handyman]

Don't forget to pick up your packet of activities, ceremonies, and games!



Wanna have a blast? Plan to come to one of two Space Theme Day camps!

Irmo/Chapin Cub Scout Day Camp

June 11-15 from 5-9 pm at Cornerstone Presbyterian Church. Contact Angela Bouknight (781-9094) or Peggy Smith (755-9466)

West Columbia Day Camp June 25-29 from 6-9 pm at Mt. Hebron United Methodist.

Contact Carol Caulk at 926-8717.

Your Tigers, Cubs, and Webelos will be flying high with the Space Theme for 2001 Day Camp. Rocketry, Alien Life Forms, and Astronauts will be studied and experienced during the camps. Etowah Creek District runs the finest and most popular Day Camps in our Council. *Sign up early!* Both Camps will have

different games, experiences, and fun, all on the Space theme. Don't get stuck in the "black hole"! The cost will be the same for both camps, starting in March. \$40 for early registration with \$5 discount for helping. Both Camps are recruiting staff right now. Call for more information on how to register or more importantly, how to help boys have a great day camp!

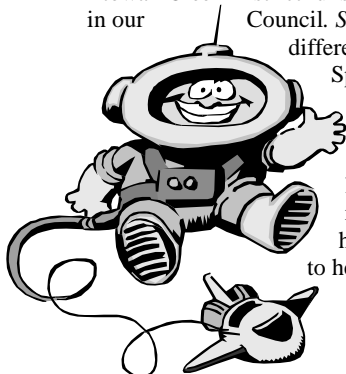
Please Help!

1 items needed for day camp:

2-liter soda bottles Shoeboxes

12 oz. or 16 oz. soda bottles

Check-book boxes Pringles Cans (large & small)



"The Tribe has Spoken"

The Boy Scout Camporee will be held Nov. 2-4, 2001. This year's Camporee will be a special one. It will be based on the theme "Survivor!", with amazing challenges and games for your troop to overcome. It will be held at a location near Pelion. There will be a big midway with a live band. Troop Trailers will be allowed. There will be also a separate program for Webelos. Mark your Calendars for next year. For more information call Steve Galloway.

Is your Troop Going to Summer Camp?

All troops that are attending summer camp at Barstow or at summer camps in neighboring councils are asked to report to your Unit Commissioner or to John M. Graham. Our District gets credit towards the Quality District Award for boys that attend Boy Scout Summer Camp no matter where the boys attend.

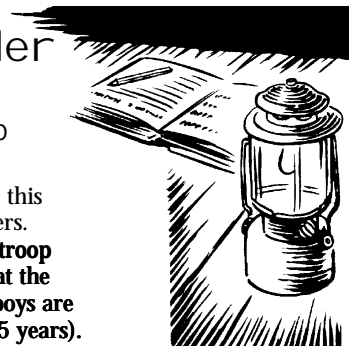


Important Announcement! Un-registered Boys= No Advancement and Un-Insured

Do you have Webelos that just crossed over to your troop? 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, **the boy will be ineligible for advancement and is not covered by BSA insurance** if they go to meetings or camping. Many Scoutmasters wait until they re-charter to register the new Scouts. **Do not wait.** Please check with Felicia at the Scout office to make sure that all gaps in registration are filled in. Boys who are not registered will not be allowed to advance in rank.

Boy Scout Leader Basic Training May 4-6th, 2001 at Camp Barstow

Also known as SM Fundamentals, this training is not just for Scoutmasters. **Everyone who is involved with a troop should take this course. Insist that the adults that are influencing your boys are recently trained (within the past 5 years). Register Today at the Scout Shop.**

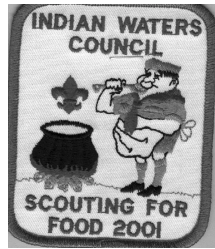


Scouting For Food:

We Did It! Indian Waters Council totaled 45,108 items from the Scouting for Food drive this year. That is almost double what the Scouts did last year.

And of that total, our own Etowah Creek District accounted for 24,273 items collected. That is more than double what we collected last year.

The top Pack/Troop was *Pack and Troop 815*. Angela Bouknight and Steve Steyers had about 40 scouts participate. They collected and donated **5033** items! That was more than most districts in the Council collected. Huge congratulations go to Pack/Troop 815 for all of your hard work. Elsewhere in the District, *Pack 410* was in second place with 4431 items of food collected, followed by *Pack 333* with 2062 items, *Troop 331* (1972), *Pack 91* (1616) and *Troop 91* (931). 21 units participated this year, including *Pack 95*, *Pack 301*, *Pack/Troop 302*, *Pack 308*, *Pack 331*, *Troop 357*, *Pack 380*, *Troop 515*, *Troop 521*, *Pack 576*, and *Pack 805*. Patches will be available for pick up at Expo. Any questions about the patches call Ron Cook 794-8560. It is very important that all units report even if you do not want the patches. We need the numbers to help with next year's planning and publicity. You may either call Joan at 345-5700 or e mail her at janoch@conterra.com.



We really showed our Scouting Spirit while Scouting For Food!

Family Camping Weekend was a Success!

Sunny weather and high spirits, plus an estimated 850 campers made the Family Camping Weekend at Camp Barstow a huge success. Many thanks go out to the volunteers that ran the camp. Without you, there would be no Scouting Fun!



A few Highlights:

- ** *Sean Beck* (Bear/Pack 95) won the award for the largest fish caught: a 4-6 lb catfish (in true fisherman fashion, the size of the fish depends on who is telling the tale)
- ** *Robbie Germershausen* (Webelos/Pack 332) won the award for the first fish caught on Saturday.
- ** *Ryan Turbeville* (Bear/Pack 3) won the award for the Top Shot on the BB range (not highest score, but most accurate according to Emory Markwood).
- ** *John Fisher* (no rank/ pack given) won the top spot in the Paper Airplane Derby with a model that flew 54 feet! Second place went to *Chris Burns* (no rank/ pack given) with 48 feet! *Congratulations to these boys, their parents, and all of the other winners at this annual campout.*

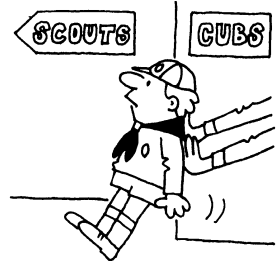
Learn from the mistakes of others. You can't live long enough to make them all yourself.

Webelos to Scout Transition

Are you a parent of a Webelos and not sure what to ask of the troops that you visit? Is your den only visiting one troop because you are not aware of any others in the area? A new flyer called "**Webelos to Scout Transition: A Guide for Parents and Leaders**" has been mailed to all 5th grade Webelos and their parents. It included a Troop Contact List for all troops in Lexington School Districts 2 and 5.

Please call 750-0626 and ask Lorie McGraw to provide a copy to you if you have not received one.

Copies will be available at Roundtable, at the Scout Shop, and on the Web at www.etowahcreek.com or email lmcgraw@sc.rr.com.



You don't stop laughing because you grow old, you grow old because you stop laughing.

May Roundtable is on Thursday, May 11, 2001

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Boy Scout Roundtable Topics

April BSRT Topic: Special Cooking

May Topic: Leadership

For More Information call George Ammer at 755-2664 or email at legalmom2@hotmail.com

Important Dates

April 2001

21 Scout Expo at the fairgrounds

May 2001

4-6 Scoutmaster Fundamentals at Camp Barstow. Call Bob Hamilton for more information 359-9646

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18-20 OA Ordeal at Camp Barstow

June 2001

11-15 Irmo Day Camp 5-9 pm at Cornerstone Presbyterian
25-29 West Columbia Day Camp 6-9 pm at Mt. Hebron United Methodist

Internet Site of the Month

For All Scouts:

The USSSP (US Scouting Service Project) is back online. Go to <http://usscouts.org> and find all things Scouting.

The different areas are

CLIPART.USSCOOTS.ORG,

NETCOMMISH.COM,

CUBMASTER.ORG,

JAMBO2001.ORG,

MACSCOUTER.COM,

SCOUTMASTER.ORG,

SCOUTCAMP.ORG,

WORLDSCOUTING.ORG

It is all there. Recipes, training, songs, games, Scoutmaster Minutes, Jamboree information, cartoons, etc.

And Cub leaders need to check out *Baloo's Bugle* online at <http://usscouts.org/bbugle>

Coming Up at 2001 Etowah Creek District Cub Scout Roundtable

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Etowah Creek District Has A New Domain Name!!

www.etowahcreek.com

Surf on over and check it out!

Plus more resources and links have been added!

The Webmaster has a new e-mail address of lmcgraw@sc.rr.com

The old web page address no longer works, so change your bookmarks!

Indian Waters Council Website is www.iwc-bsa.com

Cub Leader Basic

Training Available in April

Waterree District Cub Leader Basic Training, Saturday, April 28 from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at St. John's UMC, 45 Roseborough Road, Lugoff. This training includes BSA Youth Protection Training. Pre-registration is required by April 23. To pre-register or for information call Keri Kerber at 438-6710 or email [<KKerber1@compuserve.com>](mailto:KKerber1@compuserve.com)

Etowah Creek Training for 2001-2002

The 2001-2002 dates for Basic Leader Training for both Cub Leaders and Scout Leaders are in the process of being decided. Cubmasters will be called when the dates are known, plus the info will be on the website. Watch this space. If you have any questions, please call Joan Janoch at 345-5700 or e mail her at janoch@conterra.com

Editor's Minute

Murphy's Laws of Camping

- ❖ Any stone in a hiking boot migrates to the point of maximum pressure.
- ❖ The distance to a given campsite remains constant as twilight approaches.
- ❖ The number of mosquitoes at any given location is inversely proportional to the amount of repellent that remains.
- ❖ The probability of diarrhea increases with the square of the thistle content of the local vegetation.
- ❖ Scout troops of the opposite sex are only encountered while dealing with the diarrhea mentioned above.
- ❖ The area of level ground in the neighborhood tends to vanish as the need to make camp becomes infinite.
- ❖ In a mummy bag the urgency of ones need to urinate is inversely proportional to the amount of clothing worn. It is also inversely proportional to the temperature and the degree to which the mummy bag is completely zipped up.
- ❖ Waterproof clothing isn't. (However, it is 100% effective at containing sweat).
- ❖ The width of backpack straps decreases with the distance hiked. To compensate, the weight of the backpack increases.
- ❖ Average temperature increases with the amount of clothing brought.
- ❖ Tent stakes come only in the quantity "N-1" where N is the number of stakes necessary to stake down a tent.
- ❖ Propane/butane tanks that are full when they are packed, will unexplainably empty themselves before you can reach the campsite.
- ❖ Given a chance, matches will find a way to get wet.
- ❖ Your side of the tent is the side that leaks.
- ❖ All foods assume a uniform taste, texture, and color when freeze-dried.
- ❖ Divide the number of servings by two when reading the directions for reconstituting anything freeze-dried.
- ❖ You will lose the little toothpick in your Swiss Army knife as soon as you open the box.
- ❖ Rain. ('nuff said)
- ❖ Enough dirt will get tracked into the tent on the first day out, that you can grow the food you need for the rest of the trip in rows between sleeping bags.
- ❖ When camping in late fall or winter, your underwear will stay at approximately 35.702 degrees Kelvin no matter how long you keep it in your sleeping bag with you.
- ❖ Bears. (see Rain)
- ❖ The sun sets three-and-a-half times faster than normal when you're trying to set up camp.
- ❖ Tents never come apart as easily when you're leaving a site as when you're trying to get them set up in the first place.
- ❖ When planning to take time off of work/school for your camping trip, always add an extra week, because when you get home from your "vacation" you'll be too tired to go to back for a week after.

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