



# 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/apr03news.pdf](http://www.etowahcreek.com/rtnews/apr03news.pdf)

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## Scouting in Support of America Call to Action March 2003

Roy L. Williams, the Chief Scout Executive of the Boy Scouts of America, has asked Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturers, and volunteer leaders across America to tie red, white, and blue ribbons on trees in their neighborhoods. "Our thoughts are with our fellow Americans fighting for peace in the Middle East, and we pray for their safe return," Williams says.

Throughout the decades, the Boy Scouts of America has rallied to the support of our nation's military and their families. In countless conflicts, Scouts have stood shoulder to shoulder in supporting the brave men and women who protect our nation. In this current conflict, Scouts, volunteers, and families will carry on this great tradition.

We encourage all citizens to show their support of America by joining us in tying red, white, and blue ribbons on trees in neighborhoods across the country. If you know someone in the armed services, you may honor him or her by writing their name on the ribbons.

see: <http://www.scouting.org/media/rwb/index.html>

### Support our Troops!

## ALL ABOARD!!!

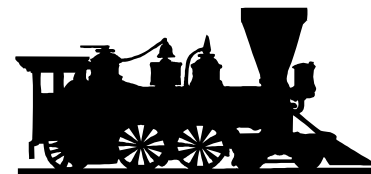
### Etowah Creek Cub Scout Day Camp

June 23-27th 5:00 -- 9:00 pm

Union United Methodist Church

7582 Woodrow St. in Irmo

Program Directors -  
Janice and Gary Loppe  
750-1743 Director -  
Lucius Gray 345-0939  
Watch your mail for  
registration forms, Be  
sure to register early, as space is limited



## Boy Scout Roundtable

**REMEMBER:** There will be no Boy Scout Roundtable on April 10<sup>th</sup>.

All Boy Scout Leaders, Assistants, and Committee Members are reminded of the final Boy Scout Roundtable to be held before the summer break on May 8th at 7:00 PM at Ashland United Methodist Church. You are reminded to pick up your Council Planning Packet at the 2003 Expo on April 24th. We will be discussing methods of Scout Recruiting and Retention. Plans for an exciting year in Scouting will be discussed.

Plan to attend to hear important information about summer camps. Looking forward to seeing new faces that are eager to learn and the familiar faces to share information. See you on May 8th.

I feel like I'm diagonally parked in a parallel universe.

## EXPO DEADLINE EXTENDED DOUBLE POINTS DEADLINE IS APRIL 17

Be sure to encourage the Scouts to sell their Expo Tickets and turn in all money on time.

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

## ATTENTION SCOUTMASTERS

Indian Waters Council needs approximately 20-30 Scouts who can serve as volunteer staff assistants for this year's Cub Scout Resident Camp to be held June 5-8th at Camp Barstow. Responsible Scouts over



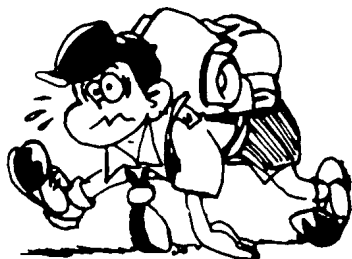
the age of 14 who have earned the rank of Star or higher are needed. They must come with the recommendation of a Scoutmaster and present themselves as good role models for Cub Scouts and Webelos. They will be able

to fulfill their service hours, serve as examples to these future Boy Scouts, and help put on a great program while spending a fun time at camp teaching Colonial Lifestyle skills and crafts.

Scout assistants are needed in all six main program areas, the kitchen and dining hall, and in the Camp Commissioner's Corp. While there is no compensation for this service, all youth volunteers will receive free housing and food, a T-shirt, and a patch, as well as special recognition. We also welcome and encourage Scoutmasters and Asst. Scoutmasters who wish to attend and help with the camp.

If you or your Troop has special skills or equipment related to Colonial era cooking, leather craft, carpentry, or other early skills, we would welcome the opportunity to highlight those skills and/or equipment in this year's program.

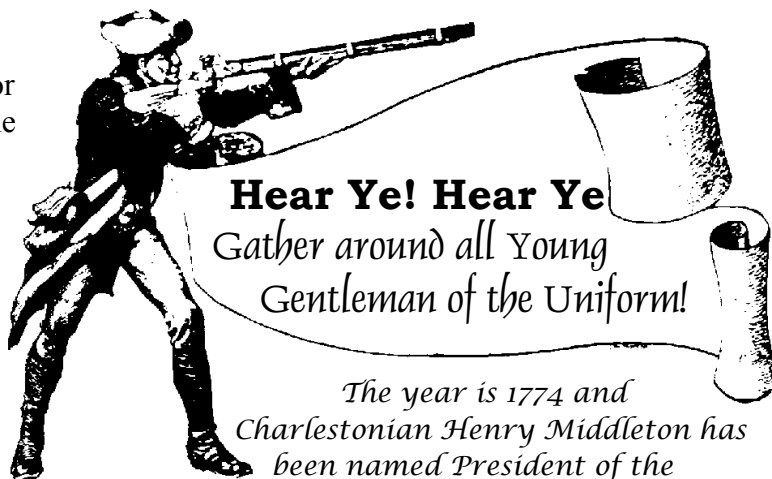
If you have any questions or wish to offer Troop skills or equipment for camp use, please feel free to contact Travis Wechsler at [twechsler@sc.rr.com](mailto:twechsler@sc.rr.com) or 803-407-1095.



Etowah Creek Website is Temporarily Down The information is there but due to technical difficulties beyond my control I am unable to update the pages. This

should be fixed by the end of this month. Please e-mail me if you have questions.

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**Hear Ye! Hear Ye!**  
*Gather around all Young Gentleman of the Uniform!*

*The year is 1774 and Charlestonian Henry Middleton has been named President of the Continental Congress and the local militias have begun to assemble.*

### Independence is in the air!!

Join us at **Ye Olde Camp Barstow** for a time traveling adventure back to 1774.

Visit the apprentice shoppes and try your hand at brickmaking, candlemaking, leathercraft and more. Play the games that the boys of Carolina played more than two hundred years ago -- learn what skills you need for Battledor and Shuttlecock, Graces, and Trundling the Hoop!

Then after your time working as an apprentice or playing the games, it's time to practice your gamesman skills with the bow and the musket.

You must always be on your guard, for the Camp may come under attack and require you to join the militia to defend against the pirates, Indians, or even the British Army!

**Be sure to sign up early** as this adventure in the Colonial Days is **LIMITED** to the first 200 scouts to sign up.

#### **Cub Scout Resident Camp**

June 5, 6, 7, and 8<sup>th</sup>

#### **Camp Barstow**

Watch your mailbox for the flyers!

**Registration is by Pack only!!**

Cubmasters will be receiving

Leader Guides with registration forms in the mail.

Do you want up-to-the-minute information about Scouting Programs here in Etowah Creek, nationally, and internationally?

Email [lmcgraw@sc.rr.com](mailto:lmcgraw@sc.rr.com)  
and she will add you to the

#### **Etowah Creek Email List.**

And don't forget to check out the **Etowah Creek**

Webpage at [www.etowahcreek.com](http://www.etowahcreek.com)



Indian Waters Council units participating in Scouting For Food 2003, collected 85,506 pounds of food in the month of February.

Etowah Creek District brought in **32,756** pounds or **38%** of the Council's total amount!!

**WAY TO GO, ETOWAH!**

## SCOUTING FOR FOOD RIBBONS

31 units participated in Scouting For Food from the Etowah Creek District and ribbons will be awarded to most of these units.

Ribbons colors will be awarded by a mathematical calculation of the number of active boys divided by the number of collected items.

**White Ribbon** (15 to 29 food items per boy):

T74, P95, P301, P302, P333, T411, P805, and P870.

**Red Ribbon** (30 to 69 food items per boy):

P1, P15, T15, T48, P91, P308, T326, T331, P380, T380, P410, T521, P567, T567, P803, T813, P815, and T815.

**Blue Ribbon** (70 or more food items per boy):

P48, T91, T515, and T870.

This year a Pack and a Troop in each district in the Indian Waters Council is being awarded a gold ribbon for the highest total number of food items collected and a red, white and blue striped ribbon to the Pack and the Troop for the highest average of food items per boy.

### Etowah Creek District:

The **Gold Ribbons** will be awarded to:

**P815** with 3,391 items

**T870** with 3,253 items.

These are also the highest totals brought in by any other Pack or a Troop in the Indian Waters Council.

The **Red, White and Blue striped Ribbons** will be awarded to:

**P48** with a 95 item average per boy

**T91** with a 121 item average per boy.

**P48** also has the highest Pack average in the Council, and **T91** had the second highest average in the Indian Waters Council. Wateree District Troop **303** had an average of 142.

Ribbons will be available at the Scouting For Food Booth at Expo.

## SCOUTING FOR FOOD PATCHES

If you need Scouting For Food patches there are still a few extras at the Scout Shop which can be purchased for \$1.

At Expo, the Scouting For Food Booth will have a patch "sell-and-buy" time from 1-2 PM. Anybody who has extra patches and anybody who needs patches can come to the booth during this hour and try to sell and buy what they need.

## HELP HELP HELP HELP

Ron Cook and Joan Janoch are looking for some help making phone calls to units in our District, talking to them about participating in Scouting For Food. The calls would need to be made in the November/December time period. If you would like to help, call Joan at 345-5700 or e-mail [Janoch@conterra.com](mailto:Janoch@conterra.com).



## Commissioners!!

The new Commissioner portion of the National Web site is up and running. It includes past issues of The Commissioner newsletter. You can reach it from the main page or <http://www.scouting.org/nav/enter.jsp?s=cm>

"It is easy to fly, you simply throw yourself at the ground and miss."

--Douglas Adams

## THE DOLLAR BILL

Take out a one-dollar bill, and look at it. The one-dollar bill you're looking at first came off the presses in 1957 in its present design. This so-called paper money is in fact a cotton and linen blend, with red and blue minute silk fibers running through it. It is actually material. We've all washed it without it falling apart. A special blend of ink is used, the contents we will never know. It is overprinted with symbols and then it is starched to make it water resistant and pressed to give it that nice crisp look.

If you look on the front of the bill, you will see the United States Treasury Seal. On the top you will see the scales for a balanced budget. In the center have a carpenter's square, a tool used for an even cut. Underneath is the Key to the United States Treasury. That's all pretty easy to figure out, but what is on the back of that dollar bill is something we should all know. If you turn the bill over, you will see two circles. Both circles, together, comprise the Great Seal of the United States. The First Continental Congress requested that Benjamin Franklin and a group of men come up with a Seal. It took them four years to accomplish this task and another two years to get it approved. If you look at the left-hand circle, you will see a Pyramid. Notice the face is lighted, and the western side is dark. This country was just beginning. We had not begun to explore the West or decided what we could do for Western Civilization. The Pyramid is uncapped, again signifying that we were not even close to being finished. Inside the capstone you have the all-seeing eye, an ancient symbol for divinity.

It was Franklin's belief that one man couldn't do it alone, but a group of men, with the help of God, could do anything. "IN GOD WE TRUST" is on this currency. The Latin above the pyramid, ANNUIT COEPTIS, means, "God has favored our undertaking." The Latin below the pyramid, NOVUS ORDO SECLORUM, means, "a new order has begun." At the base of the pyramid is the Roman Numeral for 1776. If you look at the right-hand circle, and check it carefully, you will learn that it is on every National Cemetery in the United States. It is also on the Parade of Flags Walkway at the Bushnell, Florida National Cemetery, and is the centerpiece of most heroes' monuments. Slightly

modified, it is the seal of the President of the United States, and it is always visible whenever he speaks; yet very few people know what the symbols mean.

The Bald Eagle was selected as a symbol for victory for two reasons: First, he is not afraid of a storm; he is strong, and he is smart enough to soar above it. Secondly, he wears no material crown. We had just broken from the King of England. Also, notice the shield is unsupported. This country can now stand on its own. At the top of that shield you have a white bar signifying congress, a unifying factor. We were coming together as one nation. In the Eagle's beak you will read, "E PLURIBUS UNUM", meaning, "one nation from many people". Above the Eagle, you have thirteen stars, representing the thirteen original colonies, and any clouds of misunderstanding rolling away. Again, we were coming together as one. Notice what the Eagle holds in his talons. He holds an olive branch and arrows. This country wants peace, but we will never be afraid to fight to preserve peace. The Eagle always wants to face the olive branch, but in time of war, his gaze turns toward the arrows.

They say that the number 13 is an unlucky number. This is almost a worldwide belief. You will usually never see a room numbered 13, or any hotels or motels with a 13th floor. But think about this: 13 original colonies, 13 signers of the Declaration of Independence, 13 stripes on our flag, 13 steps on the Pyramid, 13 letters in the Latin above, 13 letters in "E Pluribus Unum", 13 stars above the Eagle, 13 bars on that shield, 13 leaves on the olive branch, 13 fruits, and if you look closely, 13 arrows. And, for minorities: the 13th Amendment. I always ask people, "Why don't you know this?" Your children don't know this, and their history teachers don't know this.

Too many veterans have given up too much to ever let the meaning fade. Many veterans remember coming home to an America that didn't care. Too many veterans never came home at all.

