



Up Etowah Creek...



Etowah Creek District BSA Newsletter
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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/eccd-0801news.htm Welcome!

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Important!

Go to www.etowahcreek.com

The Etowah Creek District Site is updated and ready to go for the new Scouting year. The newest (and best) improvement is the addition of an **interactive calendar**. All major dates for the District and Council are listed. It is also searchable by category (all Boy Scout events, all Training events, etc.)

Check it out!

This Month at Cub Roundtable September Theme: "All Aboard!"

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



**Garfield Sez:
 Cub Scout Uniforms are on sale
 at the Scout Shop.**

Buy the complete uniform and save.

Be a S*T*A*R*

A Scouter That Attends Roundtable

Before you point your fingers be sure your hands are clean.

Important Announcement!



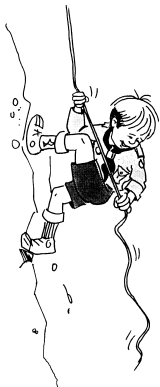
Non-registered Boy means No Advancement and Un-Insured

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. **You May Be Personally Liable!!** 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.

Are You A Survivor?

The **Boy Scout Camporee** will be held Nov. 2-4, 2001. This year's Camporee will be a special one near Pelion. It will be based on the theme "**Survivor!**", with amazing challenges and games for your troop's patrols to overcome. There will be a separate program for Webelos, a Dutch Oven cooking contest, Leave No Trace Training for adults, a Challenge Wall, a Trading Post, sky divers and more. Something for everyone! Mark your Calendars. For more information call the Scout Office or pick up a flyer.



Help your Troop Program

"The Building Blocks of Scouting" (#34307A, 2001)
 "Boy Scout Summer Camp -- Benefits Every Parent Should Know, A Harris Interactive Study" (02-448-3, 04/01) –
 "Patrol Leader" (18-800, 2000) -- a six-page flyer describing the patrol, its activities, and the Patrol Leader's duties. It includes "Ten Tips for Being a Good Patrol Leader." Look for these, ask Velda at the Scout Shop to order them if you can't find them. Even a single copy of each will help your troop program.

5-can chili cheese nacho dip

- 2 cans of chili
- 1 can of refried beans
- 1 can of Spanish rice
- 1 can (or jar) of cheese
- 2 or 3 bags of chips
- Salsa
- 1 small can diced jalapenos (optional)

Before the campout, dump all ingredients (except the chips) into a Ziploc bag, and freeze (reduces the chance of a spill). At the campout, dump into a Dutch oven, heat and eat with Salsa.



You'll never be lost if you remember that moss always grows on the north side of your compass.

While the Swiss Army Knife has been popular for years, the Swiss Navy Knife has remained largely unheralded. Its single blade functions as a tiny canoe paddle.

Merit Badge Saturday

(open only to troops in the Etowah Creek District)

October 27, 2001

8:30 AM – 3:00 PM

Ashland United Methodist Church

2600 Ashland Rd.

Merit Badges Offered:

Communications, Environmental

Science, First Aid, Law, Citizenship in the Community, Citizenship in the World



The classes will be offered on a first come, first served basis and will be limited in size. Our Merit Badge Counselors have taught at Merit Badge University. Cost includes teaching materials, lunch, and a patch. Register at the Scout Shop. Cut-off for registration will be Thursday, September 27, 2001. For further information, look for the application at the Scout office or contact Ed Helms, 772-4260. NOTE: An adult will be needed from each troop. Troops to furnish proof of insurance. \$10.00/Scout.

Bear bells provide an element of safety for hikers in grizzly country. The tricky part is getting them on the bears.

Troop Campout Idea

THIS sounds like fun! (From troop 729 in Ark.)

A **Coffee Can Campout** will help the boys learn and understand wilderness survival techniques. The boys are allowed to bring only what they can fit inside a 2-pound coffee can plus a sleeping bag. They are paired off (senior and junior). They learn what is important to bring in the can such that they can build a shelter, eat, stay dry, etc. A great fall activity!

When camping, always wear a long-sleeved shirt.
It gives you something to wipe your nose on.

CyberScouting CD



Looking for resources at your fingertips for your scouting program? Get the CyberScouting CD. Over 225 MB and 3200 files of scouting information for all

leaders at all levels. Includes 3 Powwow books, Dutch oven recipes, teambuilding games, web-page tutorials, 2000+ graphics, pack and troop management software, interactive games for advancement, Adobe Acrobat Reader, PowerPoint reader and PowerPoint presentations, songs, crafts, games, and much more. All compiled by Lorie McGraw for "Cyberscouting: Using technology in Scouting". Get your copy today.

Available at Roundtable and the Scout Shop \$8.00 each.

Lightning Safety: Are You Prepared?

If you go camping frequently, the chances are good that you'll run into all kinds of weather conditions, whether it is merely a drizzling rain or something much worse. Each year at campouts, camporees, and camps thousands of Scouts will get a first-hand opportunity to experience a thunderstorm. And that means lightning.

While lightning can be fascinating, it can also be deadly. Recently Scouts have been struck by lightning while at Jamboree, and at some summer camps across the US. Thunderstorms and lightning are common in South Carolina.

Are your Scouts prepared? What can you do? What are some of the facts about lightning that you should know about? How can you as a leader of youth be prepared for this danger? Go to

www.usscouts.org/profbvr/lightning_safety/index.html
This web area has helpful information that may help you answer these questions and some ideas you can use to have a safer outdoors experienced. The material here was compiled by Jack Wright, a volunteer Scouter at Skymont Scout Reservation after the death of a Scout there some ten years ago. Please use the information on this site to help prevent another lightning tragedy.

A hot rock placed in your sleeping bag will keep your feet warm. A hot enchilada works almost as well, but the cheese sticks between your toes.

New Tiger Cub Information



Tiger Cubs now are part of the Pack. This effort is to remove barriers from Tiger Cubs participating fully in Cub Scouting and to create additional fun and excitement for first-grade boys. Look in your Council Information packet or check at the Scout Office for the "What's New, Tiger Cub?" facts sheet.

<http://www.powwow-online.net/tigers/index.htm>

The new Tiger Cub badge and Instant Recognition kit:

<http://www.scoutstuff.org/items/ww17855/index.html>

For a glimpse of the new Tiger hat, go to:

<http://www.scoutstuff.org/items/ww83892/index.html>

Take this simple test to see if you qualify for solo camping: Shine a flashlight into one ear. If the beam shines out the other ear, do not go into the woods alone.

CPR Course now offered by Indian Waters Council

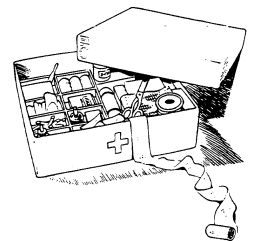
Adult, Child, and Infant

CPR,

Basic First Aid, and AED

Skills

For more info call Carol Caulk, Instructor, at 926-8717.



Important Dates

District Calendar is Online!

Training Dates, Events, District Meeting info, Council Events, etc. Check on the www.etowahcreek.com website and click on District Calendar. Check back often, as updates will appear on a regular basis.

Training, Events, and more

All information is on the www.etowahcreek.com website or at the Council Office. For training information call Christine McNeil at 781-8275 or Joan Janoch at 345-5700

August

- 9 Roundtable
- 18 Trainer Development Conference (learn to train)

September

- 8 Etowah Creek New Leader Essentials and Basic Training (Cub Leader training for Tiger, Cub, Webelos, CMs and CS Committee) plus Youth Protection
- 8 Den Chief Training (with SM rec.)
- 13 Roundtable
- 15 Scout Day with the Gamecocks
- 18 Popcorn Gala Dinner

October

- 9 New Leader Essentials (Part 1 of basic Training for all Leaders) plus Youth Protection
- 11 Roundtable
- 16 Part 2 of Basic Training (Cub Leader Specific training)
- 20 Cuboree at Crooked Creek Park, Chapin
- 27-28 Cub Haunted Forest Weekend

November

- 2-4 Survivoree (Council Camporee)
- 3 BALOO (Basic Outdoor Leader Training) required for a pack to be able to have Pack Campouts.
- 8 Roundtable
- 8 Youth Protection at Roundtable (6:30)

Check out the training dates for other Districts if the Etowah Creek District Training Dates are not convenient for you. There is a list at the Scout Office, at Roundtable, and in the *Smokes*.

Your Son Deserves a Trained leader

A two-man pup tent does not include two men or a pup.

Did your Troop Go to Summer Camp?

All troops that attended summer camp at Barstow or at summer camps in neighboring councils are asked to report to your Unit Commissioner or to John M. Graham (e-mail jgraham3@sc.rr.com).

Our District gets credit towards the Quality District Award for all boys that attend Boy Scout Summer Camp no matter where the boys attend. Please report your attendance!



Etowah Creek E-mail Lists

Message from Lorie McGraw, Webmaster and E-mail Geek Hello, all,

As most of you know I spend wayyyy too much time on my computer keeping up with Scouting topics and news from across the US and the world. I pass many (not all) of these bits of information on to interested Scouters through my e-mail distribution lists. I am completely redoing the lists. If you want to be on a list, please send an e-mail to me at lmcgraw@sc.rr.com and tell me which list or lists interest you. **Anyone from Any District may subscribe.**

I developed these lists so that you would not get e-mails from me that do not interest you. Obviously a Cub Leader will be interested in Bear and Wolf advancement changes, but Eagle Scout advancement changes will not be of interest. So here are my categories, from most inclusive to least. My lists are:

- **Etowah News Only:** News of high importance to all area Scouters. About 3-6 times per month. All persons who give me their address will be on this list.
- **Etowah All:** News of general interest to all Scouts and Scouters. Includes local news, Scouts in the news, General Training updates, News from National, local events, Scouting humor etc. Variable 2-20 times per week. Most frequent.
- **Etowah Cub Leaders Only:** Items that are of interest only to those in the Tiger/Cub Scouts/Webelos programs. Information tailored for Cub-age Scouts and their leaders. Training updates, songs, program info and links, fundraisers, etc. About 6 times per week or less, depending on what information comes in to me about the Cub programs.
- **Etowah Scoutmasters Only:** Items for Webelos, Boy Scouts, Venture, OA Youth and Adult. Cooking hints, camping and backpacking gear, training opportunities, program info, troop organization, Patrol Method, hiking info, fundraisers, summer camps, skits and songs for older boys, etc. About 6-12 times a week, depending on the information that I get that needs to be passed on.
- **Etowah Training (new):** E-mail list for Scouters interested in training or who wish to keep abreast of changes in training. This is not in place of the Indian Waters Training List on Yahoo. This is for the trainers that work with Etowah Creek District (though non-district or other district trainers are welcome). Infrequent.

Possibly in the future I will be switching over to Yahoo Groups for interactive e-mail lists, but for right now these are newsletter-style lists, meaning that I send to you and replies are sent to me only, not to others in the list. All e-addresses are hidden for privacy and Spam reduction.

Hope to see you on the lists
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District Webmaster & Etowah E-mail



Internet Sites of the Month

www.scoutmaster.org
www.cubmaster.org
www.etowahcreek.com
www.powwow-online.net
usscouts.org/bbugle.asp

Email Resources

I am repeating this from the May Newsletter, just because I get frequent questions about "where do you get your information". Here are some good places to start.

You can get your questions answered by thousands of other Scouts across the US and the world. Read the Welcome letters and follow subscribe/unsubscribe information carefully.



Bowline: A compilation of E-mail list information

<http://www.bowline.org/html/lists.html>

Here is where to go for any of the following mailing lists: Philmont, Canoe (Northern Tier or other canoe sites), SeaBase, Venture, Embers (scouting fellowship), Jambo01 (2001 National BSA Jamboree), BowlineScouts (Boy Scouts), Juliette (Girl Scouts), ScoutFamily (parent and spouses), BPWeb (district or council web development) and BSRT (Boy Scout roundtable staff).

Scouts-I: Scouter E-mail list

<http://www.engr.tcu.edu/~eidson/scouts-1/swelcome.html>
The big one, this list has over 2500 Scouters from all over the world that can answer any question that you have, and even ones you don't have. Get the digest version; it is easiest and less strain on your e-mail box.

CUB-I: Cub Scout Leader E-Mail List

<http://usscouts.org/cubmaster/cub-1.html>
Join an online e-mail discussion list where you can ask questions and discuss Cub Scout leadership issues, games, songs, ceremonies, all aimed at the Cub Scout Program.

ARROW- I: Order of the Arrow E-mail list

http://www.bowline.org/html/other_lists.html
For members of the Order of the Arrow (signup requires answering some O/A specific questions.)

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Another Site for Everybody!

Kid's Survival Kit

http://www.mpioutdoors.com/kids_kit.htm
Also check out the other pages at this site. There are some excellent survival tips

Coming Up at 2001-2002

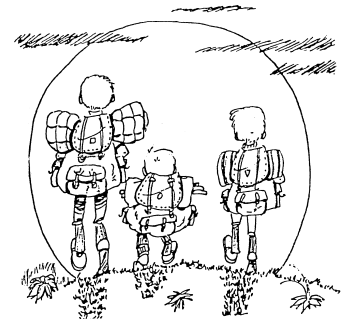
Etowah Creek District Cub Scout Roundtable

Remember that Roundtable takes the Theme from the following month, giving you time to prepare your program.

August 2001 Roundtable	All Aboard! (September Theme)
September 2001	Down on the Farm (October)
October 2001	Hometown Heroes (November)
November 2001	Works of Art (December)
December 2001	Did You Get My Message (January)
January 2002	Our Native Peoples (February)
February 2002	Dollars & Sense (March)
March 2002	Forces of Nature (April)
April 2002	Abracadabra (May)
May 2002	Critters, Cubs & Campfires (June)
July and Aug. 2002 Themes:	Inside Out and Backwards Sports Extravaganza

Etowah Creek District Has A New Domain Name!!

www.etowahcreek.com
Surf on over and check it out!



Scouter's Minute

A kangaroo kept getting out of his enclosure at the zoo. Knowing that he could hop high, the zoo officials put up a ten-foot fence.

Again the kangaroo was out the next morning, just roaming around the zoo.

So the fence was extended to twenty-foot. But the kangaroo was out the next morning.

Frustrated the zoo officials built a fence forty feet high.

That day a camel in the next enclosure asked the kangaroo: "How much higher do you think they'll go?"

The kangaroo said, "About a thousand feet, unless somebody locks the gate at night!"

So often we think we know the answer to a problem and even though the solution doesn't work, like the zookeepers we try more of the same. Sometimes the answer is easy and obvious and completely different from what we think. If those zookeepers had stopped and studied the situation they could probably have saved themselves a lot of work & trouble.

So when you have a problem and your first try doesn't solve it, stop. Look at the situation. Think about it. Maybe even ask someone else his or her opinion. Could be there's an easy answer that you just haven't thought of. And don't forget to get as much training as you can. Your problems might just be solved!