



# 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/](http://www.etowahcreek.com/) Welcome!  
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## Important!

Go to [www.etowahcreek.com](http://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 on our interactive calendar. It is also searchable by category (all Boy Scout events, all Training events, etc.)

### Check it out!

Training, Events, and more

All information is on the [www.etowahcreek.com](http://www.etowahcreek.com) website or at the Council Office. For training information call Joan Janoch at 345-5700

Your Son Deserves a Trained Leader

### Important Announcement!

#### Non-registered Boy means

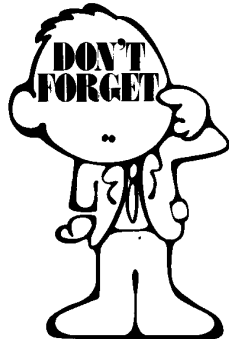
#### No Advancement and Un-Insured

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? 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 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 and Cubmasters 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.*



### Did your Troop Go to Summer Camp?

All troops that attended *summer camps in neighboring councils* are asked to report to your Unit Commissioner or to John M. Graham (e-mail [jgraham3@sc.rr.com](mailto: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!



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

### Parents of Webelos Scouts: Looking for a troop?

<http://www.etowahcreek.com/downloads/W2Stransfinal2.pdf>  
 Download this handy pamphlet on *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.

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



### Be a S\*T\*A\*R\* A Scouter That Attends Roundtable

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.



## 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](mailto: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/Venture 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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## 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.

## Phone List for the Scout Office

If you want to get a particular person you should call 750-9868 and then punch in the 3-digit number for that person's extension. Or wait for the operator and she will help you.

**Scout Shop 750-9842**

**Main Switchboard 750-9868**

**Name and ext. with the main number 750-9868**

Felicia Ellis	Advancements & Eagles	ext. 114
Hal Donnelley	Etowah District Executive	ext. 110
Sandy Farmer	Scout Shop	ext. 117

**Direct phone numbers**

(use ext. number only if you call the main number **750-9868**)

Allan Lane	Assistant Scout Exec.	750-9849	ext. 102
Grace Thompson	Asst. Office Mgr	750-9850	ext. 113
Vance Lackey	Programs Director	750-9851	ext. 103
Velda Howard	Scout Shop	750-9842	ext. 116
Phyllis Greenway	Bookkeeping	750-9854	ext. 115

