



# 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/ecd-0202news.htm](http://www.etowahcreek.com/rtnews/ecd-0202news.htm) Welcome!  
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Etowah Creek District Annual

## Volunteer Recognition Banquet

April 20, 2002

7:00 p.m.

Trinity United Methodist Church

1132 Gunner Circle  
West Columbia, SC

Etowah Creek District will hold its annual Volunteer Awards and Recognition Banquet on Saturday, April 20, 2002.



The program will begin at 7:00 p.m. with a catered meal from Shealy's Barbeque Restaurant. Highlighting the evening will be the presentation of awards and recognition for **scouting volunteers** throughout the district. Make plans now to attend by reserving a place at this annual event.

Your early reservations help us plan accordingly and are greatly appreciated.

Reservation forms can be found at the Scout Shop, or you may send a check made out to Indian Waters Council BSA for \$12.00 per person to

Indian Waters Council BSA  
Etowah Creek District Banquet  
PO Box 144  
Columbia, SC 29202

Questions or offers of assistance should be directed to Travis Wechsler 407-1095 or e-mail [travisw@gwm.sc.edu](mailto:travisw@gwm.sc.edu)

## Awards season is here!

Don't forget to nominate your fellow Scoutmasters, Cubmasters, Den Leaders, Scouters, and Scouting Families for the annual Volunteer Awards to be presented at the *District Volunteers Awards Banquet* in April. These are Unit Awards and District-wide awards, too.

**What a perfect way to say  
Thank You  
for the hard work they do all  
year.**

Awards information is being mailed to all ECD Scouters and may also be picked up at Roundtable or at the Council Office.



### Cub Roundtable

### March Theme:

**Dol I ar \$ & \$en\$e**

### Get Your Handouts Online!

The ECDVirtualRT group at YahooGroups is a free, easy-to-use online service for Etowah Creek District members of Boy Scouts/ Cub Scouts of America. Members will be able to share ideas, ask questions, and get the current and past packets of games, ceremonies, and crafts.

**Download and print out exactly what you need each month for all program areas.**

Put together your own custom packet of ideas for Den Leaders, Den and Crew Chiefs, and PLCs. Join today!

To subscribe, send an e-mail to:  
[ECDVirtualRT-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:ECDVirtualRT-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)



## Pinewood Derby



Check out [www.etowahcreek.com](http://www.etowahcreek.com)

for Pinewood Derby links and helps. Official Rules and Regulations for E xpo Pinewood Derby Council-Level) Race and the Schedules are online at [www.etowahcreek.com/pinewood.htm](http://www.etowahcreek.com/pinewood.htm)

# Camping Opportunities

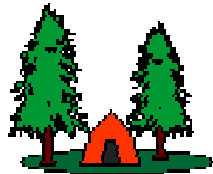
## FAMILY CAMPING WEEKEND

April 12 - 14, 2002

Your boys have already been mailed the registration form. If you need more copies they are available at the scout office. Register by Pack immediately. The camp will be closed when full. **Attention Scoutmasters: There is a need for Boy Scouts to serve as Campsite Marshals.** The idea is to have two to four experienced campers (including a Boy Scout leader or



leaders) in each campsite during the Friday set up time frame to help site tents so that everyone can have a reasonable spot for their tent. Campsite Marshals would also give new campers a helping hand with a new or unfamiliar tent and help new campers with the finer points of fire safety and Leave No Trace advice. There are also numerous other chances for Boy Scouts to work service hours. For more information on the Campsite Marshal opportunity call Stan Haines at 788-4122.



If you haven't volunteered to participate in the planning or operation of the event - consider this your invitation. The FCW event Chairman is Jay Specter - home phone 736-0500, email is [jspecter@insurall.com](mailto:jspecter@insurall.com), and his Columbia office phone number is 741-2000 ext. 2.



"Goldfish in your Jell-O? You used the wrong bowl..."

## Pirate Waters Cub Resident Camp

Join the rugged Pirate Crew on June 7, 8, and 9 at Camp Barstow

This is a residential (overnight) mini-camp for ALL Cub Scouts (RISING Wolves through Webelos). Registration for camp will be by Pack only. Pack Leaders will be receiving registration information in February.

Be sure to ask your Cubmaster or Committee Chair for registration information.

We need your talents and skills to have a successful camp! **To volunteer** with this fantastic adventure, call Travis Wechsler at 407-1095 or e-mail him at [iwccubresident@yahoo.com](mailto:iwccubresident@yahoo.com)



## Cub Day Camp

June 10-14 at Cornerstone

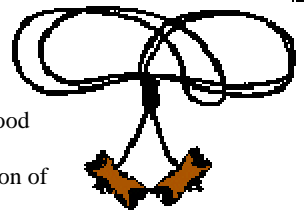
### Wild Wild West Register Now for a Rootin' Tootin' Cowboy Time!



If you are interested in helping out with Etowah Creek Day Camp please contact Peggy Smith (755-9466) e-mail [MPegSmith@aol.com](mailto:MPegSmith@aol.com) or Angela Bouknight (781-9094) e-mail [Aboukn3784@aol.com](mailto:Aboukn3784@aol.com) Please save check boxes, yogurt lids, and milk jug lids for the craft ladies.

## ATTENTION WOOD BADGE PARTICIPANTS!

The Cub Scout Outdoor Program has opportunities for you to take advantage of when you write your ticket for the Wood Badge program. There are several slots involving the preparations and/or operation of Family Camping Weekend 2002 or 2003, Haunted Forest Weekend 2002, Cub Resident Camp 2002, and Day Camp Coordination/Evaluation for the 2003 season. If you have questions or want more information call Robert Croom - home 748-9011.



## Boy Scout Leader Basic Training 2-Part Course

1) Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster Leader Specific Training

Sat. April 13, 2002 8:30 am to 4:30 pm

Swearingen Center, USC

This Course provides Scoutmasters, Assistant SMs, and other adults that work with the boys with a good working knowledge of troop operations and all of the nuts and bolts of the troop program.

2) Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills  
Fri. May 3-Sun. May 5 Camp Barstow

This Course is an overview of basic Scout-crafts (knots, fire building etc.), basic camping skills, BSA Camping rules and procedures, and, most importantly, how to teach these skills to 11-18 year old Scouts. The skills taught are based on the outdoor skills found in The Boy Scout Handbook. Webelos leaders, Venture Crew advisors, and other adult leaders are also encouraged to attend this course.

**Attend both trainings for \$35 if paid by April 2**

*All Fees include meals and course materials*

**Course size is limited to 36 participants.**

Contact: Robert Sears 957-8490 or [robsears@usit.net](mailto:robsears@usit.net) or Kathleen Shutt 957-5412 [kshutt@harscotrack.com](mailto:kshutt@harscotrack.com)

**Train your Scout Adults NOW before Summer Camp!**  
NLE (New Leaders Essentials) required for Trained status and patch.



## Scouting For Food

Be sure to turn in your totals for Scouting for Food. We will have the totals next month, but preliminary results are promising a very slight increase over the council for number of items picked up.

In Etowah Creek we had more units participate this year, yet our totals will be about the same as last year. This is a national trend. The Sept. 11 disaster relief has stretched the community's capacity for donations, and the shelters and food banks are still feeling the effects.

Be sure to tell your Cubs and Scouts that even if your unit totals are down from last year, it is not their fault, everybody did a great job and by working together we helped many of our neighbors who are hungry.

Just imagine what the food banks would be facing now if the Boy Scouts of America had not stepped up to put food on their shelves?

So start planning for next year. And when you hear of a food drive, please be as generous as you can.

Be sure to pick up your patches at Roundtable or at the Scout Shop.



*The real art of conversation is not only to say the right thing at the right time, but also to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment.*

## Scouts in the News!

### Scout Sunday

#### Celebrated across the District

Union United Methodist Church had its annual Scout Sunday on February 10. Union United Methodist Church is a generous sponsor of Cub Scout Pack 95, Girl Scouts (8 troops) and Boy Scout Troop 95 in terms of church meeting space, storage space, and time within that annual worship service. Rev. Jack Fenner generously gave of his Sunday afternoons to work with the boys in Pack 95 and Union United Methodist Church. Eleven boys from Pack 95 completed the God and Me program and the medals were awarded as part of the Scout Sunday service.

Two observations - First, this is an excellent program for the boys and their families. The boys who participate seemed to enjoy this course of religious instruction and they were genuinely proud of having finished the program (including the recognition). Second, you need to remember to tell your Chartering Organization how much you appreciate the use of the facilities, their patience with the members and leaders of the pack, and their moral support.

--Contributed by Robert Croom, Pack 95

Be a S\*T\*A\*R\*

A Scouter That Attends Roundtable

"The winds of grace are always blowing. We have only to raise our sails." Sri Rama Krishna

Earn some money! Have some fun!

### Expo is Coming!

Scout Expo is the annual Scouting Exposition held at the State Fairgrounds on April 27. Selling tickets for Expo earns prizes for the boys and money for your unit.

Call Elizabeth Hinen at 345-6515 for more details. **We also need units to help with Parking, First Aid, and Security.** If your unit can help please let Elizabeth know.

#### Showcase your unit at Expo!

There are hundreds of things that your units could do. Check the Smokes Signals for ideas and details. And make sure that your pack/troop/crew has signed up for your space! These are on a first-come-first-served basis.



**Ticket Sales start February 16, 2002**

**Triple Ticket deadline is March 14**

### WANTED: BLUE AND KHAKI

Your Etowah District training team is in need of some used boy-sized scout shirts for demonstration purposes.

Anyone who is willing to donate a shirt will be rewarded with a smile. Contact - Joan Janoch 345-5700

## OA Chapter news

Order of the Arrow Call Out Plus is scheduled for Camp Barstow March 23

Any troop that wants their Scouts elected to the OA can call Jared Rish, Chapter Chief, at 359-1529 to schedule an election.

The Scouts can be called out on March 23 and take the Ordeal at Camp Barstow May 17-19 Spring Ordeal. For more information call Al Green Tschitanek Woakus Chapter adviser 781-2037 or [algreen@mindspring.com](mailto:algreen@mindspring.com)



### Attention Troops!

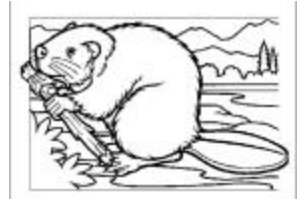
#### Beaver Day At Barstow

May 18

Beaver Day is an opportunity for troops to set program (merit badge) schedules for summer camp, complete advance swim checks, tour Camp Barstow, perform a Beaver Day Service

Project, meet the camp staff, interview for Camp Staff and CIT positions, and have a good time.

Reservation forms are available in Smokes and at the Council Office.



## Important Dates

### District Calendar is Online!

Training Dates, Events, District Meeting info, Council Events, etc. Check on the [www.etowahcreek.com](http://www.etowahcreek.com) website and click on District Calendar.

#### February

- 14 Roundtable with Youth Protection (at 6:30)
- 15-16 Cub Scout Camp-in at the SC State Museum
- 16 Expo Ticket Sales Kickoff
- 18 Presidents Day Service Center Closed

#### March

- 6 District Commissioners Meeting 7:00p AUMC
- 7 District Committee Meeting 7:00p
- 8-11 Wood Badge Weekend #1
- 14 7:00p Roundtable
- 14 Expo Triple Points Deadline
- 21 6:30p Council Annual Recognition Banquet
- 22-24 OA Spring Fellowship
- 23 Boy Scout Merit Badge University
- 29 Service Center Closed
- 29-Apr 7 Lex. 5 and Lex 2 Spring Breaks

#### April

- 3 District Commissioners Meeting
- 4 District Committee Meeting
- 5-7 Wood Badge Weekend #2
- 11 Roundtable 7:00p
- 11 Expo Double Point Deadline
- 11 Registration Deadline for Council Pinewood Derby
- 12-14 Cub Family Camping Weekend Barstow
- 13 Part 1 Scout Leader Basic: Leader Specific Training
- 20 ECD Volunteer Recognition Banquet
- 27 Scout Expo Fairgrounds 11:00a -4:00p

#### May

- 3-5 Part 2 Scout Leader Basic: Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (for Webelos and Venture, too)
- 17-19 OA Ordeal/Induction
- 18 Beaver Day at Barstow Bring your tools
- 21 Lex. 2 student last day of school
- 27 Service Center Closed
- 30 Lex. 5 Last Day of School



## 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 flyer called "Webelos to Scout Transition: A Guide for Parents and Leaders" is now available. Also available is a Troop Contact List for all troops in Lexington School Districts 2 and 5.

Copies will be available at Roundtable, at the Scout Shop, and on the Web at [www.etowahcreek.com](http://www.etowahcreek.com) or email at [lmcgraw@sc.rr.com](mailto:lmcgraw@sc.rr.com) or phone 750-0626 and ask Lorie for a copy.

## 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	Abacadabra (May)
May 2002	Critters, Cubs & Campfires (June)
July and Aug. 2002 Themes:	Inside Out and Backwards Sports Extravaganza

How do you tell when you're out of invisible ink?

## Scouter's Minute

### Advice From An Astronaut

Alan Beam was an astronaut on Apollo 12. When asked what he learned about success over the years, this was his answer:

The most important quality I have noticed in successful people is that they have a dream . . . They think and work toward that dream every day.

I often ask people to tell me their dream. "What did you do today to move you closer to your dream?" Eighty-five percent didn't do anything. They're planning to do something next week, they're just too busy today.

These 85% will probably never see their dream come true. So ask yourself the same question, "What have I done today to make my dream come true?"

If the answer is "Nothing specific," then you will never make it unless you change your ways.

## OA Indian Dance Team

Available for Banquets, Crossovers, and Blue and Golds  
To reserve the Muscogee (Order of the Arrow) Lodge Indian Dance team for your Blue and Gold, COH, or other pack/troop/crew event, call Steve Galloway at 796-4055. Please arrange as soon as possible with at least 2 week's notice.

