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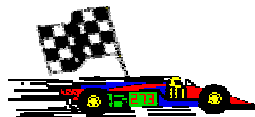
Welcome to Etowah Creek District [ECD] Cub Scout Leader and Boy Scout Leader Roundtable in Columbia, South Carolina. This showcase for Leaders is held on the 2nd Thursday of every month, starting at 7:00 p.m. We meet at Ashland Methodist Church on Ashland Rd. (off of St. Andrew's Rd.) Be sure to pick 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/feb03news.pdf](http://www.etowahcreek.com/rtnews/feb03news.pdf) Welcome!  
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**From Joan Janoch, Scouting For Food Chairman:**  
Y'all did a GREAT JOB on February 8<sup>th</sup>! The early totals are OUTSTANDING! Thank you Scouts and thank you leaders, once again you have shown how to live the Scout Oath and Law!

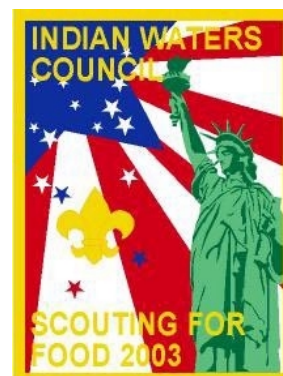
## Pinewood Derby at Expo



Does your pack have winners that will be racing in the Indian Waters Council Pinewood Derby at Expo this year? Be sure to **register your cars in advance** at the Scout Shop. The deadlines for fees are as follows: \$5.00 by March 13<sup>th</sup>, \$8.00 by April 10<sup>th</sup>, \$10.00 by April 22. **The last day to register is April 22, 2003.** Each unit is to **submit the name** of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners from each den level by April 22, 2003. If the scout is not listed on the unit's top winners list, he may not race.

**There will be no Walk-ins allowed.**

Many of you are asking about the patches and ribbons. Due to the bad weather the week of the ordering deadline, our communication to the patch company was delivered later than planned. I will let you know when the patches come into the Scout Office but I do not expect them for 2 or 3 weeks.



The ribbon order will not be given to the company until all of the totals for the entire Council are given to me and we can calculate our order. The ribbon idea is in a test run this year and Ron Cook and I would appreciate any feedback that you would like to share.

The "Scouting For Food" Committee will have a booth at Expo this year. Come by and say "Hey". Share your ideas for making the program better. Volunteer to help on the District level with "Scouting For Food" next year. Find out the units who have extra patches and the units who need patches. Expo will be a great place for us to give out the ribbons and to post the results.

As always if you have questions or comments, phone Joan Janoch 345-5700.

## Etowah Creek Boy Scout Roundtable

If you have not been attending Boy Scout Roundtable, you have missed some great opportunities for your Troop. Plan to attend the March Roundtable, to be held at Ashland United Methodist Church, **March 13<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 PM. We'll be discussing **Wildlife Management** and the Special Feature on **Summer Camp Planning**, plus critiquing the District Rendezvous. We'll also have a short lesson on **Leader Awards and Knots**. **There will be NO MEETING ON APRIL 10<sup>th</sup>**, but remember, we'll meet for our final Roundtable before summer break on May 8<sup>th</sup>. Looking forward to seeing all Scoutmasters, Assistant Scoutmasters and Committee Members on March 13<sup>th</sup>. **Remember, Roundtable is the place to find new ideas for your Troop and sometimes the "Parking Lot" session and exchange is your best resource.**

~Vicki Wheatly, Boy Scout Roundtable Commissioner

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)



## Tour Permits and Youth Protection

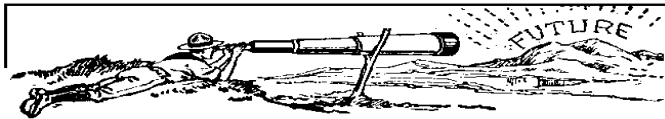
Download the form here:

<http://www.scouting.org/forms/34426.pdf>

Effective January 2003 both the local tour permit and the national tour permit application will include a requirement that at least one adult present during the event or activity must have completed the BSA Youth Protection Training. The national tour permit will continue to include the requirement that all registered adults must have completed the BSA Youth Protection Training for participation in a nationally sponsored event or activity such as Philmont, SeaBase, Jamborees, and OA events.

**Indian Waters Council has established that Youth Protection must be renewed every two (2) years.**

Check your Youth Protection cards to see if they have expired. Adults must have taken the full 90-minute YPT after January 2001 and present a card or verification of said training to be able to take a troop, crew, or den on an outing.



## Training News

### NEW TRAINING REQUIREMENTS FOR UNITS:

All Units must have 50% or more of their unit leaders trained in their leadership position to make Quality Unit.

Please check with the Etowah Creek District Calendar or call Joan Janoch 345-5700

**To be trained** All Levels must have *Fast Start* plus *New Leader Essentials (NLE) Plus*

**Cub Units:** Cub Leader Basic Training (CLBT) and Cub/ Webelos Leader/ Committee/Cubmaster breakouts

**Boy Scout Units:** Scout Leader Specific Training and Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills

**Troop Committees:** Troop Committee Challenge

**Venture Units:** Venture Leader Specific and Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills

### New Boy Scout Leader Fast Start Training Online

<http://www.scouting.org/boyscouts/faststart/>

includes some short video and audio clips, but is designed for onscreen reading.

### Cub Scout Leader Fast Start Training online

<http://www.scouting.org/cubscouts/faststart/>

### Venturing Fast Start Training online-in print

<http://www.scouting.org/venturing/anc/pdf/25-878.pdf>

### Youth Protection Training - online

coming to a monitor near you in March 2003.

**For More Information go to**

[www.etowahcreek.com/training2001/index.htm](http://www.etowahcreek.com/training2001/index.htm)

## Youth Protection Training & NLE

to be offered in February and March

This spring there are several sessions of Youth Protection Training available for Scout leaders and parents.

**All leaders (and all adults that work with the youth) should have current Youth Protection Training** (current means within the past two years). If your YPT has expired or is close to expiring, please attend one of the sessions below. Additionally, please make every effort to invite and encourage parents to attend YPT ... their training helps ensure a safer environment for the boys and allows them to better understand why we things the way we do :-).

**Plus current Tour Permits required a certified adult be present for every outing.**

### NEW LEADERS ESSENTIALS (NLE)

For those registered adults that have not had basic training: there will be a session of New Leader Essentials (NLE) offered Tuesday, March 11th. If you have not taken either "basic" training or NLE (this includes those of you who took Leader Specific in the fall, but not NLE), please make an effort to attend this session.

### Scoutmasters/Assistant Scoutmasters/ Crew Advisors, and Troop/Crew leaders:

There is a session of Scoutmaster/ASM leader basics and Outdoor Skills in the spring, but they do NOT offer NLE. You must have this part of the training to be certified as "trained".

## SPRING TRAINING

(note: all Youth Protection Training is FREE: the NLE costs \$3 )

### YOUTH PROTECTION

**Thursday, Feb. 13th**, 6:30 pm at Ashland UMC

**Tuesday, Mar. 11th**, 6:30 pm at CEE-US in West

Columbia. CEE-US (Cooperative Electric Energy Utility Supply, Inc.) is at CAE Industrial Park, 101 Enterprise Parkway, West Columbia, SC

**Saturday, Mar. 15th**, 9:30 am at Union UMC, 7582 Woodrow St. in Irmo

**Tuesday, March 25th**, 6:30 pm at Lake Murray Pres. Church, 2721 Dutch Ford Road, Chapin

**Thursday, March 27th**, 8:00 pm at St. Simon & St. Jude, 110 Kinley Road in Irmo (behind Ameri Suites).

YPT LASTS APPROXIMATELY 75-90 MINUTES

### NEW LEADER ESSENTIALS

**Tuesday, Mar. 11th**, immediately following YPT at CEE-US in West Columbia

For further information/ directions, call Joan Janoch 345-5700.

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

### TRAILER FOR SALE

Wells Cargo Trailer: 5 X 10, 5 1/2 ft. interior height, double rear door, side door, front shelves, spare tire, carpet, roof vent. Asking \$2300. To inquire send e-mail to:

[trailer2300@yahoo.com](mailto:trailer2300@yahoo.com)

# Scout Expo 2003

Kick off info. Redeemer Lutheran Church  
2/15/03 from 9:00am - 11:00am. Contact  
Info. Elizabeth Hinen 345-6515 or Rosemary  
Teed 772-3682

Key Dates -

**3/13/03** Triple point deadline

**4/10/03** Double point deadline, Expo  
applications due

**4/17/03** Prize orders and ALL ticket sales money,  
unsold tickets due BY 6:00PM!!!

**4/22/03** Pinewood Derby Registration Final Day

**4/26/03** Expo: all units should be set up and ready to go by  
11:30am and remain operational until 4:00pm. Doors will  
be open for set up by 8:00am.

See your unit's brochure for Commission Schedule.

Special Note: The prize brochure has been modified this  
year. Only the 40-point category has the traditional type of  
Expo prize selections. Any totals higher than 40 points are  
eligible for gift cards to Best Buy, Wal-Mart or the Scout  
Shop.



# Wood Badge

for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

**Wood Badge** is the advanced leadership training for  
adult-Scout leaders created by Scouting's founder, Lord  
Robert Baden-Powell. It incorporates the latest in  
leadership training techniques, shared leadership and  
team development principles while still  
maintaining all the scouting aims,  
methods, fun and traditions. The course  
is held over two weekends, currently  
scheduled for **February 27-29, 2004** and  
**March 19-21, 2004**. Wood Badge is  
designed to meet the advanced training  
needs of all adult leaders in the Cub  
Scouting, Boy Scouting, Varsity and Venturing programs.  
Registration is limited to 48 participants. If you are  
interested in participating in this Wood Badge experience,  
contact the Council Service Center or e-mail  
[WoodBadge@sc.rr.com](mailto:WoodBadge@sc.rr.com)



## Nation's Oldest Boy Scout Passes Away

The Associated Press

Feb. 9, 2003

MESA - George Freestone, believed to be the world's oldest  
Boy Scout, died Saturday. He was 104.

He made history in 1910 by joining one of the first two Boy  
Scout troops in the United States, becoming part of a Los  
Angeles troop at age 12. Freestone's continued dedication to  
scouting made him an icon among Arizona Boy Scouts.

"He was a grand old gentleman," said Roc Arnett, past  
president of the Grand Canyon Council, composed of more  
than 65,000 Scouts in Arizona. "He was one of the unique  
people that lived in the community."

Freestone, who first moved to Arizona with his family in  
1914, continued to give pep talks to troops after his 104th  
birthday, and Arnett said the centenarian loved to put on the  
Boy Scout uniform and talk to people.

Values, like integrity and kindness, that George Freestone  
learned in the Boy Scouts stayed with him for a long time,  
and he'd often encourage others to follow the same values,  
Tom Freestone said. "He had a rich life."

## Saluda Shoals Park = Fun in the Outdoors

Spring is right around the corner and the animals will be come more  
active than in the wintertime. Why not take your Cub Scouts to the  
new **Saluda Shoals Park** on Old Bush River Road and explore. You  
can look at habitats of all sorts. There are many different kinds of  
trees, wild fruit eaten by the animals and some wonderful spots for  
looking at animal tracks.

Leaders, if you are interested in building some *bird or bat houses* to  
be put up around the park, don't hesitate to call Ms. Jeannette  
Wells at the Environmental Center and ask to set something up. The  
**Exhibit Hall** has an awesome exhibit room with everything from a  
fish tank that has river fish in it to a wildlife exhibit with a deer  
and some larger birds displayed. There are all sorts of things that  
you as Leaders can use from the park, just use your imagination and  
have some fun teaching, learning and exploring at Saluda Shoals  
Park.

If you need some other ideas, call me. I would love to share other  
ideas with you so that the scouts can have some "hands on FUN." I  
am constantly finding new places for leaders to take cubs and  
Webelos.

~ Carol Elliott, Commissioner 345-6483 [Carolelliott214@aol.com](mailto:Carolelliott214@aol.com)



## MBU IN MARCH

Merit Badge  
University  
(MBU) 2003  
closed its  
registration on  
Thursday, Feb.  
6. It will be

held on Saturday, March 29, 2003 on the USC campus.  
Confirmations will be sent out by e-mail no later than  
February 14th. If you have not received your confirmation,  
please contact Kathy Bean, MBU Registrar at 796-4647 or e-mail  
at [beankathy@hotmail.com](mailto:beankathy@hotmail.com).

## Internet Site of the Month

### HEATHER'S HIKING HIATUS

Follow the journals of Heather, a 19-year-old Vermonter, as  
she hikes the Eastern Seaboard from the Florida Keys to  
Canada. Her journals and pictures are entertaining and  
inspiring. She is raising money for a Youth Conservation  
Corps in Vermont. And she used to be a Girl Scout, too.

<http://www.heathershikinghiatus.homestead.com/>



## SCOUTING POSTER/ART CONTEST

### WIN \$500 CASH AND OTHER PRIZES

Photos, Artwork, Digital Images about Scouting: All can win up to \$500 or provide your troop or pack with 250 posters/prints to sell, auction, or use as a fundraiser. **Enter Today.**

The next deadline is April. 15, 2003 for Photographic images about Scouting.

<http://scoutingdigest.com/postercontest.html>



"How come you're late?" asks the Scoutmaster as the Tenderfoot Scout walks in the door.

"It was awful," he explains. "I was walking down Elm Street and there was this terrible accident. A man was lying in the middle of the street; he was thrown from his car. His leg was

broken, his skull was fractured, and there was blood everywhere. Thank goodness, I had that first aid badge -- all my training came back to me in a flash."

"What did you do?" asks the leader.

"I sat down and put my head between my knees to keep from fainting!"

## IMPORTANT DATES

### District Calendar is Online!

[http://www.calsnet.net/etowah\\_calendar](http://www.calsnet.net/etowah_calendar)

#### **February 2003**

15 Expo Ticket Sales Kickoff

#### **March**

11 Youth Protection and NLE training 6:30 pm at CEE-US in West Columbia. CEE-US (Cooperative Electric Energy Utility Supply, Inc.) is at CAE Industrial Park, 101 Enterprise Parkway, West Columbia, SC

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#### **April**

10 Expo Double Point Deadline

17 Expo Money and tickets due at Scout Office

26 Scout Expo at the Fairgrounds

#### **May**

15 District Volunteers Appreciation Banquet

## Awards season is here!

Don't forget to nominate your fellow Scoutmasters, Cubmasters, Den Leaders, Scouters, and Scouting Families for the annual District Volunteer Awards.

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

There are Unit Awards and District-wide awards, too. Watch your mail for more information.

**The District Volunteers Awards Banquet will be on Thursday May 15, 2003**

Call 750-0626 or e-mail [lmcgraw@sc.rr.com](mailto:lmcgraw@sc.rr.com) if you want to help.



## OA NEWS

Tschitanek Woakuus (Fast Foxes) Chapter Three

Chapter Chief David Goza 781-4977

Chapter Vice Chief Drew Stiowe

Chapter Secy/Treasurer Grant Shirk

Chapter Adviser Terry Goza 781-4977,

[Terry.goza@macktrucks.com](mailto:Terry.goza@macktrucks.com)

### OA CALENDAR ITEMS:

All of these dates are listed on the Lodge website

<http://www.muscogeelodge.org/pages/calendar.html>

**March 21-23** Spring Fellowship

**March 22** Call out PLUS (this is where newly elected boys/adults would be "called from the crowd".

**May 16-18** The First Induction (ordeal) weekend for newly called out youth/adults

**July 11-13** make-up date Induction/Ordeal Weekend

**October 3-5** make-up date Induction/Ordeal Weekend.

### OTHER DATES FOR CURRENT MEMBERS

**April 12** Dixie prep day

**April 25-27** for those registered to go to the "area conclave" (gathering of 11 lodges (councils) in the SC, NC, GA area.

**August 2-7** National OA Native American Indian Conference at the Ridgecrest Conference Center near Asheville, NC .

Called "Indian Summer", all OA youth are eligible to participate.

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